



## Obituary

**Born:** Thursday, May 27, 1920

**Died:** Sunday, July 17, 2016

Helen McGowan Morgan of Hyde Park and Milton died on July 17, 2016 at The German Centre for Extended Care in West Roxbury at the age of 96 years after a short illness.

Born on May 27, 1920 in Hyde Park, she was the youngest child of Charles and Marie (Maeder) McGowan. She was predeceased by her sister Grace McGowan Sheridan and her brother Rt. Rev. Donald A. McGowan. Helen attended St. Raphael Grammar School, St. Gregory High School and Boston Clerical School. During World War II she worked at the Arsenal in Watertown. Helen married David I. Morgan, also of Hyde Park, in 1944 at Most Precious Blood Church. For many years while her children were young, Mrs. Morgan was a warden at the Ward 18 polls, as was her mother before her. At the age of 50, when her youngest child went to school, Helen took a job at the Hyde Park Cooperative Bank where she continued to work for the next 20 years.

She lived in the same house at the corner of Cleveland and Child Streets for 75 years. After 52 years of marriage, David died in 1997 and shortly thereafter Helen moved to Fuller Village in Milton where she enjoyed all the social activities and amenities especially the Friday Mass, Wednesday Rosary and twice-a-week Bingo.

Helen Morgan was expert in all types of needle crafts including knitting, quilting and sewing. She made the wedding dresses for all five of her daughters as well as those of several young friends. Until her eyesight failed she was an avid reader of biographies and Mary Higgins Clark mysteries. Even after she stopped doing jigsaw puzzles, she continued to beat all opponents at Scrabble and enjoyed playing Connect Four with Donnie. Into the last week of her life she looked forward to solitaire on Betsy's iPad.

She leaves her 8 children, Margery Buckingham of Onset; Claire Morley and her husband Mark of Dedham and Falmouth; Kathleen Milster and her husband Richard of Boston; David Morgan and his wife Susan of South Weymouth; Donald Morgan and his wife Roberta of Norwood; Paul Morgan and his partner Elisabeth Sommer of Munich, Germany; Marie Peterson and her husband William of Colleyville, Texas; and Helen "Betsy" Walsh and her husband David of Rumford, Rhode Island. "Grammy" is also survived by 15 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Helen Morgan's funeral will be from the Carroll-Thomas Funeral Home 22 Oak Street, Hyde Park MA on Thursday, July 21 at 10:30 AM with a Mass of Christian Burial at Most

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## Service Summary

### Visitation

4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Wed Jul 20, 2016

**Carroll-Thomas Funeral Home,  
Hyde Park, MA**

22 Oak Street

Hyde Park, MA 02136

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### Mass of Christian Burial

11:30 AM Thu Jul 21, 2016

### Most Precious Blood Church

25 Maple Street

Hyde Park, MA 02136

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### Interment

Thu Jul 21, 2016

### Massachusetts National Cemetery

Bennington Blvd

Bourne, MA 02542

**Helen M. (McGowan) Morgan**

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Precious Blood Church, 43 Maple Street, Hyde Park at 11:30 AM. Interment will follow At the National Cemetery, Bourne, MA. Relatives and friends invited. Visiting hours will be Wednesday, July 20, 2016 from 4:00-8:00pm.

Donations may be made in Helen's memory to:  
The German Centre for Extended Care  
2222 Centre St, Boston, MA 02132

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Hyde Park, MA  
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