

# ***Helen Tussing***

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**Helen J. Tussing, a retired Bedford High School teacher, passed away Tuesday, April 3, 2001, at Hospice of Northwest Ohio in Perrysburg.**

**Mrs. Tussing retired in 1977 from Bedford High School, where she taught English, History, and Art. She was respected for the interest she displayed in all her students. She loved drama and the arts, and put on several productions through the Drama Department at the high school during the 60's and 70's. She enjoyed it when former students recognized her at chance meetings in public.**

**Mrs. Tussing was born in Fayette, OH, the oldest child of Clifford and Ruth Northrup, and lived most of her life in Toledo. Her parents owned and operated the Northrup Grocery on Detroit Ave., where she worked after school and during the summer. She married Perry G. Tussing Jr. on November 22, 1942, at Camp Wallace, TX, while he was stationed there in the Army. They were happily married for 57 years, and produced two sons, Terry (now deceased) and Douglas.**

**As a young girl, Helen loved to paint and draw, and dreamed of someday going to professional art school. Helen's father however, refused to allow the young lady to attend art school, and, instead, sent her to the University of Toledo to become a teacher. Although she loved teaching, she never lost her love for painting and drawing, and continued to pursue art throughout her life.**

**Mrs. Tussing was a long-time member of the Toledo Art Museum, and loved to attend symphonies and operas. She instilled her love of art and music in her sons and grandchildren, and encouraged them to pursue these activities as well. Helen also loved to travel, and was able to visit the great cities of Europe. She also enjoyed taking trips to exotic locales and traveling with her beloved sisters. Most of her travels in recent years were with her sisters, Evelyn, Doris, and Louise, and together, they visited Alaska, Hawaii, and the Caribbean.**

**Helen was a long-time member of Fairgreen Presbyterian Church, and was installed as a deacon. She considered the members of Fairgreen to be like family**

and enjoyed spending time with them. Helen was also a proud member of the Alpha Delta Kappa teachers sorority.

Helen resided on Bellevue Avenue for over 50 years, but moved to West Park Place in September, 2000. She rediscovered old friends at West Park Place, and made some new ones. However, when her health declined, she was moved to Hospice in February.

Helen will be remembered for her big blue eyes, her beautiful smile, and the warmth and kindness she gave to all she met. Throughout her life, Helen was known to be a sweet and gracious lady. Those that knew and loved her, will sorely miss her lively spirit.

Helen leaves a son, Douglas (Linda); grandchildren, Tracy, Patrick, Michelle, and Brandon, and great-grandchildren, Renee and Whitney. Also surviving are her sisters, Evlyn Kinner, Doris Redway, and Louise Hebert, and 11 nieces and nephews. Brothers John and Joe preceded her in death.

Friends may call from 6-9 p.m. Thursday at Walker Funeral Home, 5155 Sylvania Ave., where services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park Cemetery. The family asks that memorial contributions be made to Hospice of Northwest Ohio, or Fairgreen Presbyterian Church.

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Please make an entry in the [Guest Book](#) to offer your personal memories, recollections and experiences with Mrs. Tussing. Others would really like to hear from you.

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