



Miriam Ethel Henry

November 30, 1933 - August 26, 2020

Miriam Ethel Henry, age 86, of Rensselaer, formerly of Winamac, passed away on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at the Rensselaer Care Center. She was born November 30, 1933 in Philadelphia, PA, the daughter of David and Isabell (Murtaugh) Knapp.

Miriam attended the Burlington County College of NJ where she earned her LPN. She married Harry Havens, with whom she had 3 children, and he preceded her in death. She later married Alfonso Henry who also preceded her in death in 2012. Miriam was a dedicated member of the local Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, most recently the Rensselaer Congregation. She worked as an LPN for some time when living on the East Coast, but was a skilled and at some times, professional artist. She was best known for her oil paintings that always looked more like an actual photograph. She also loved music and played piano on a daily basis. Miriam had a fondness for the American Indian culture and lent much of her art creating in that direction. She also liked the outdoors, cross-country traveling, and camping as well.

Miriam is survived by her children: Janis Jensen of California; Donna Brown of California; Clifford (Denise) Havens of DeMotte, IN; 11 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husbands, 2 grandchildren, and brothers, Robert and Lewis Knapp.

Miriam will be truly missed and cherished by her family and many friends. Her family has honored her wishes to be cremated and a memorial service at a later date.

Tribute Wall

“From my Whole Heart, this is what I want to say about My Mom. To me, She was the Best Mom ever. Every WONDERFUL word you can think about, was My Mom. Most of all, she was total LOVE. Always when I felt I was falling apart in my life, I would tell myself, "I just want My Mom". I know now she lives in Jehovah's Heart, because of the way she Loved and Served Jehovah so much. She took the beautiful talent of Art Jehovah gave her, and served him with all her yearly text, she would drawl and paint for the Kingdom Halls. Plus all the hours of Labor of Love making a wall size territorial map, for the Browns Mills congregation. I was amazed to see all the Awesome work she put into it. My Mom would love to do arts and crafts. She also had talent in music. She played piano, guitar, and the Harmonic. She had a very beautiful singing voice too. I used to Love to hear her sing the Kingdom songs. She use to love to write. One time when she was in school, she wrote a poem. The teacher said it was just so good, the teacher did not believe she wrote it. That really hurt Mom's feelings to be treated like that, but in the long run she realized it really was a compliment. My Mom was such a good cook and Baker too. So many people loved the food she would make. She also loved animals. Her favorite pet, she called Daddy Duke, that was her King Shepherd Dog. The most unusual pet she had was her Salamander, she named Mingle. When she lived in California she had a lot of different farm animals too. Her first pet was an rabbit when she was a little girl. His name was Floppy. Her 2 favorite cats were Siamese she named them Ming Sing Toy, and Tang Su. It took her big Heart to take care of them all. I know my Mom became a Nurse, became it meant everything to her, just to take care of anyone she could. I know the most Important thing to her was Serving Jehovah God, and I know one of the most Happiest thing she would always talk about was how her Heart was so full of Joy, Happiness, and complete Proudness of how Beautiful my brother Clifford Serves Jehovah. So I Thankyou Clifford for making Mom, (in her lifetime) So Very, Very Happy. You and Mom will always have that to share together, that Outstanding Extra Special way Serving Jehovah together. Like a special Honorable Glow around both of you. I will always remember

the fun times too. When Mom would pull family, and friends together to play her favorite game Batmitton, in front of her house, on the end of her street, good old Sunset Street. All I know is the way I feel about My Mom, is that the Love she gave was always, and will always be a Security blanket around me, because to myself, and to everyone that knew My Mother, she was always "PURE LOVE". I Miss and LOVE You MOM from the bottom of MY HEART, Your Daughter Donna.

Donna Brown - September 15, 2020 at 04:25 PM

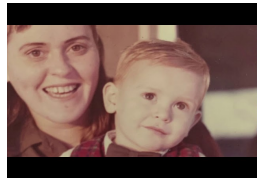
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*Just viewed this my condolences
To your family
Nancy I Knapp*

Nancy Knapp (Griffith) - January 23, 2021 at 10:49 AM

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Clifford Havens - September 12, 2020 at 10:37 PM

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“ *Miriam was truly a blessing. I am so thankful for the time that I had with her. She was always so spunky and made me feel so loved, I hope that she knows how much we cared for her. She made coming to work fun, you just never knew what she was gonna say. She really had no filter she would lay it all out. I miss her and will love her always. Thank you to all the family that was always there for the long phone calls all hours she loved them. She talked about all of you often and loved you all so much. Thank you all for the time we had.*

Melissa DeVault - September 12, 2020 at 08:25 AM



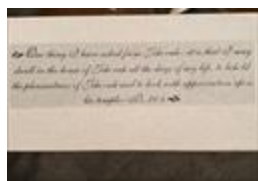
“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Miriam Ethel Henry.*



September 11, 2020 at 12:18 PM

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Kara Havens (Granddaughter) - August 31, 2020 at 03:04 PM

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“ My Nana was Strong, beautiful, talented and a funny lady. I learned that even with her struggles in life she always looked for the positive. I loved how she always put my brother into place when he thought he was so cool by always letting him know she was so much cooler. And she sure was. I loved her quick wit. It was always so great when her and poppy would come to visit us. It was fun to be able to walk out my front door and go see nana and poppy out in their motor home. Poppy was always up so early.

My best memories of Nana is that she always made sure we did something memorable while she was here. I'll never forget our Cinderella play with the bubbles, her teaching me the chaquita banana song or having my cousins and i put on our own music parade in the middle of the street. I loved all of our phone conversations and will miss her more than words can say. My Nana was the best.

Marla Dennis (Granddaughter) - August 31, 2020 at 01:40 PM

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“ Mom taught me about Jehovah! She taught me how to laugh and how to love. We all enjoyed our mother. For me, there really isn't just any one thing, but rather, it is everything about her that I miss and love her for!

Janis Jensen (Daughter) - August 31, 2020 at 01:35 PM

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“ Nana was the best . She was the loveliest person and had so much personality. She knew I was going to make my mother a grandma first when I was just a young kid . She was super smart and Could read anybody She married Poppy who completed the dynamic due . I miss and love them so much . Always knew when they came around good times was happening and it always broke my heart when they left . Man I wish we lived close to them so we could of been together all the time . Because of Nana being the loving person she was looked into Poppy and knew he was a awesome man which was one of the greatest gifts I was ever given him being my Poppy and I'm eternally grateful to Her. Her singing , piano playing, Her amazingly gifted art work so many things I can go on and on 😞 . I can still see and hear her calling me rotten , nasty and of course her favorite! Lol . Just playing. What a woman . She was the best . Sorry to everyone missing her . I'm right with you .

Jeff Sawyer (Grandson) - August 31, 2020 at 01:32 PM

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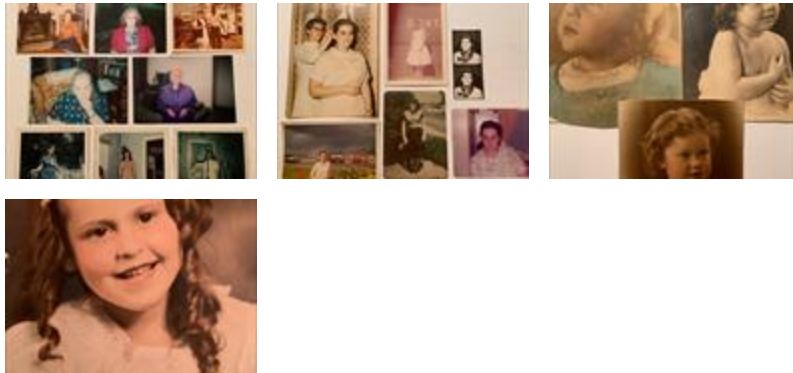
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Kara Havens (Granddaughter) - August 30, 2020 at 11:22 PM

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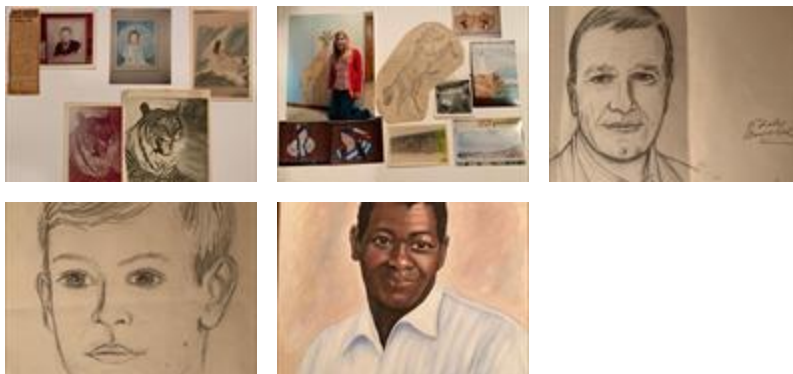
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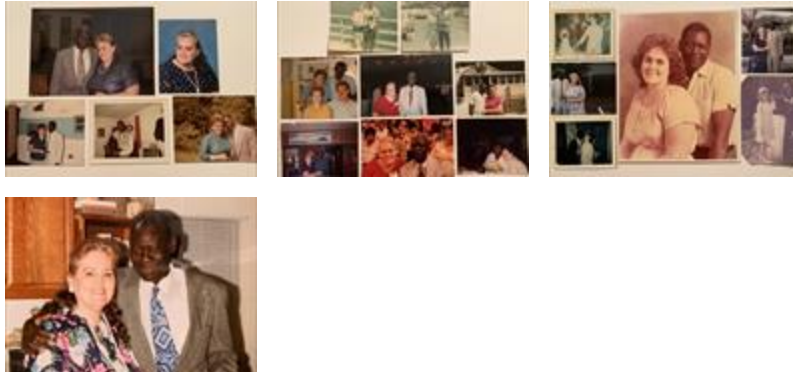
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Kara Havens (Granddaughter) - August 30, 2020 at 10:48 PM

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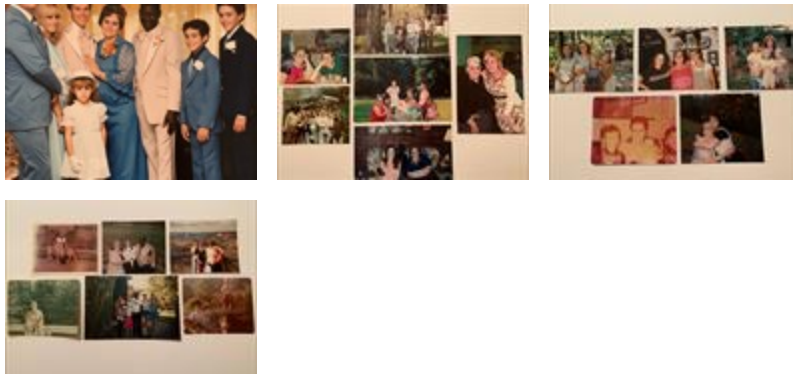
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Kara Havens (Granddaughter) - August 30, 2020 at 10:42 PM

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Kara Havens (Granddaughter) - August 30, 2020 at 10:36 PM



Thank you for sharing all of these pictures! I will treasure them always.
-Odessa

Odessa Dillard - September 01, 2020 at 08:54 PM

ML

These are beautiful pictures just like Miriam💙 I have many fond memories of her, she was an amazing lady.

Mary Reed LeMasters - September 04, 2020 at 05:33 PM

JK

Thank you for letting me be able to share some great moments with you and your family br John kondas

john kondas - September 07, 2020 at 04:52 PM

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“ *Nana was good at videotaping the best side of us all. And who could forget the kisses she gave? We will really miss her and her artistic talents as well!*

Brad Havens (Grandson) - August 30, 2020 at 10:24 PM

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Clifford Havens - August 29, 2020 at 11:47 PM

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Royce Havens - August 29, 2020 at 10:59 PM

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“ We loved her and she will truly be missed!

Brittany Havens - August 29, 2020 at 07:23 PM

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“ How do you know when someone has truly impacted your life? Well in my case all I have to do, is look around,

*I have a piano that no one in my house even knows how to play.
Nana played amazingly.*

I have a scooter that I always wanted because Nana and Poppy had a moped,

I even have a german shepherd that I named Shep. Of course after her dog, Shep.

And a few other things that bring me back to happy times with her.

Nana gave me some of the best summers of my life. She always made sure we had a lot of fun.

*People say the same things about me now. She is all around me.
And always will be. I will continue to be as much like her, as I can.*

*I am so grateful for all the times we shared. I love you Nana. Love,
Celena*

Celena Chadwick - August 28, 2020 at 11:31 PM

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Kara Havens (Granddaughter) - August 28, 2020 at 05:54 PM

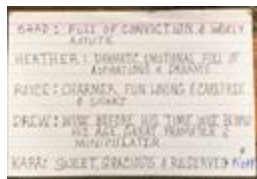
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“ Nana definitely was a GREAT grandmother. She was always very sweet to us grandchildren. Being taught simple songs on the piano and playing pool at their house was always a highlight and some of my fondest memories with her.

Drew Havens (grandson) - August 28, 2020 at 04:48 PM

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Clifford Havens - August 28, 2020 at 04:36 PM

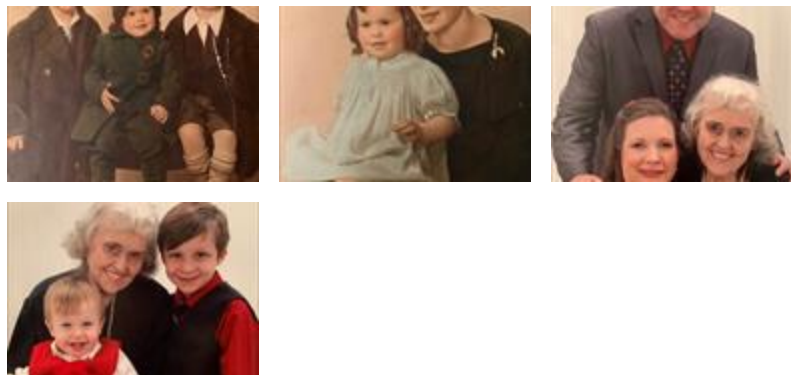


Wow! Those are very accurate!

Leah Arthur - August 30, 2020 at 09:24 PM

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Kara Havens (Granddaughter) - August 28, 2020 at 04:05 PM

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Kara Havens (Granddaughter) - August 28, 2020 at 03:22 PM

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“ Nana embodied a spirit of resilience. I admired her for her skill with a paintbrush and the curiosity of her mind. She loved Poppy with all her heart and she loved all of us unconditionally. She always saw the good in others. I recall my days spending time with her as a child to be filled with happiness. She had a pool, a salamander, goldfish, and a rocking horse. As an adult, she became my friend and a source of fascinating knowledge about history and our family. Who needs ancestry.com when you have Nana?!? Im proud she was my grandmother and I will miss her.

Heather Taylor (Granddaughter) - August 28, 2020 at 02:12 PM

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“ Nana was really talented! I always thought it was incredible that she taught herself how to play piano, especially since she couldn't read music. And that also meant that she had to play everything from memory. Every time we'd visit her, she'd try to teach us different songs, and encourage us to play some on our own. So I think a lot of my interest and love for music came from her.

Kara Havens (Granddaughter) - August 28, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“What to say about Nana, after all, she was the GRAND Mother. Nana was always a great teacher. She taught me and the rest of us to Go for it! Life should be lived through good morals and experience. To hold and kiss the ones you love-create time to be together, make the call, make the drive, experience the journey. Will there be trials & tribulations, YES! But, “When there’s a Will there’s a Way!” she would say. Nana was a creative problem solver, her ingenuity and planning always resulted in the goal being met. Of course, with her engineer, Poppy along side her-anything they set out to do-Got done.

I always admired her ability to remember things, her organization, her musicality, her artistry, her passion, her candidness, her stubbornness, her courage, her practicality, her sweet tooth, her connectiveness to all, her kindness & generosity, her story telling, and sense of fun & adventure.

Thank you, Nana, for creating the Haven to be a child and grow, with discipline, encouragement, commitment, and love. We all have lived many great moments because of your zest and care for all of your offspring. Thanks for rooting us all, with the love for your family. Thank you, Nana, for inspiring me to be my best, to take pictures, to travel for leisure, to be creative, to be brave, to solve the problem, to appreciate my life with my husband & family, to have a good time in love & life. Thanks for sprouting these seeds to me and all of our families.

I will forever be thankful to be a branch of your tree, thanks for being a Great Nana to me.

Love, Odessa

Odessa Dillard (Granddaughter) - August 28, 2020 at 01:57 PM