



## Helen "Oma" Myers

March 1, 2020

MYERS, Helen Kliewer Wiens, 92, of Hendersonville, TN and Traverse City, MI

passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on March 1, 2020. She was lovingly know as "Oma" to many people. She is preceded in death by her parents Julius Kliewer (Germany) and Maria Klassen Kliewer (Buenos Aires), husbands Peter Wiens and Bill Myers (Michigan), sister Wanda Dyck (Buenos Aires), son-in-law, Ken Westbrook (Michigan). Survived by her daughter Julie Westbrook (Davisburg, MI), son Peter (Melinda) Wiens (Hendersonville, TN), grandchildren Sean Westbrook and Ryan Westbrook, Jake (Amanda McDowell)

Wiens, Eric (Callie) Wiens, 2 great grandchildren, Isla and Mac.

Helen was born in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine on June 20, 1927 in a German Mennonite community. She received her education in the Ukraine speaking both

Russian and German. In 1943 during WWII she fled with her family to Poland to

escape the advancing Russian front. When Poland was invaded by the Russians

in 1944 they fled further to Dresden and Munich Germany. She lived and worked

with her family doing various jobs which included secretary and translator for military posts and continued living in refugee camps as they pushed westward

to

stay ahead of the encroaching Russian front until the end of the war in 1945. They continued to work and live in refugee camps until 1947 when her father, with the help of the Mennonite Central Committee, was central in arranging passage for 2,000 Mennonite refugees to settle land in central Paraguay to start

several new Mennonite Colonies.

She met Peter Wiens on the ship Volendam during their 21 day cruise from Bremerhaven, Germany to Paraguay. They would marry and Julie and Pete would be born in Asuncion, Paraguay. In 1958 the family left Asuncion and immigrated to Omena, Michigan with the help of her cousin Frieda Putnam and

her American husband as sponsors.

They lived, worked and raised their family in Traverse City, Michigan until in 1967

she remarried to Bill Myers. In 1999 she moved to Hendersonville, TN to be near family.

The family would like to thank the staff of White House Health Care for the love and care shown to their "Oma".

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. [www.bcrf.org](http://www.bcrf.org)

Visitation will be Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am with memorial service at 11:30 at Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home, Old Hickory, TN Chapel.

PHILLIPS-ROBINSON FUNERAL HOME [www.phillipsrobinson.com](http://www.phillipsrobinson.com),  
615-262-3312

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - Hadley Chapel  
1700 Hadley Ave  
Old Hickory, TN 37138  
(615) 847-1010  
info@phillipsrobinson.com  
<https://www.phillipsrobinson.com/>

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen "Oma" Myers*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *Ryan Westbrook purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Helen "Oma" Myers.*



**Ryan Westbrook** - March 11, 2020 at 05:09 PM



“ *Peter saw the obit regarding the loss of your mother so sorry It reminded me of a rabbit hunt in the U P we went on you flew me and your flight instructor up north to the Jackpine. Hope everything is well with you and family Jeff Baase*

**Jeff Baase** - March 11, 2020 at 11:43 AM



*Thank you Jeff. I remember your parents well. Great people I always enjoyed visiting*

**Peter Wiens (Son)** - August 11, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ *Julie,  
Sorry to hear of your mothers passing. She was a good woman who always treated my father and his family with kindness. She always spoke of you and Pete with such great pride & joy. Our condolences Bill & Kay*

**Bill Myers** - March 08, 2020 at 01:09 PM



*Thank you Bill & Kay*

**Peter Wiens (Son)** - August 11, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Helen "Oma" Myers.*



March 07, 2020 at 09:13 AM