



Helena Indianu

June 21, 1929 - September 6, 2025

Helena Indianu, affectionately known as “Helena”, the matriarch of the Indianu family resided in Sarasota, Florida where she passed away peacefully in her home as the sun was rising on September 6th 2025, her daughter Marie’s birthday. She was born in Saxony, Germany on June 21st 1929. Her family was from Ukraine, her father was working in Germany at the time of her birth. She was 10 years old in 1939 when the family crossed the river in the nick of time to outrun the Soviets. They dwelt in the no man's land between where Hitler invaded and Stalin invaded. She spoke fluent Ukrainian, German, and Polish which helped her survive the war. She met her husband Octavian in a refugee camp that was in Hanover, Germany after the war. She went to Canada, and he went to Peru. They were in love and he walked from Peru to Panama, stowed away on a Swedish boat, to hide away and get to Canada to marry his love, Helena, and he did.

Helena was a devoted mother, and a creative woman. She was a dedicated homemaker; she raised orchids, made her own clothing, weaved baskets, and she faithfully tended to her garden. Helena was a loved member of her community, she attended St. Mary’s Ukrainian Catholic Church, and was a participating member of the Ukrainian Association.

Helena is preceded in death by her parents; husband Octavian Indianu; son Nicolas, and daughter Marie Coustanza Zachos.

Her son-in-law John G. Edwards, and many dear friends are left to cherish Helena's bright and starlit memory.

Memorial contributions may be made in her honor to St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church at 7890 W Price Blvd, North Port, FL 34291.

Visitations will be held Saturday, September 13th from 1 to 5 pm and Sunday, September 14th from 2 to 5 pm at Maloney Funeral Home, 2401 Cattlemen Road, Sarasota, Florida 34232. (Behind the Sherwin Williams Paint Store).

There will be a Graveside Service on Monday, September 15th at 12:00 pm at Venice Memorial Gardens, 1950 Center Rd, Venice, FL 34292.

Memories and condolences may be left for the family online at www.MFHcares.com

Cemetery Details

Venice Memorial Gardens

1950 Center Road
Venice, FL 34292

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **13**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Maloney Funeral Home
2401 Cattlemen Rd
Sarasota, FL 34232
(941) 371-9711

Visitation

SEP **14**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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2401 Cattleman Road
Sarasota, FL 34232

Graveside Service

SEP **15**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Venice Memorial Gardens
1950 Center Road
Venice, FL 34292

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Helena Indianu.

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helena Indianu.



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