



Miss Helen Mandlebaum

January 22, 1914 - September 11, 2012

Helen Mandlebaum, 98, of Asheville died Tuesday, September 11, 2012. Born in 1914 in Deming, New Mexico, she was daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Ethel Mandlebaum. She was also preceded in death by her brother, "Benny" Mandlebaum.

Helen was raised in New Orleans, LA. She attended St. Mark's Community Center where she became aware of all the good a community center can do and knew from her early years that she wanted to be a social worker. She especially found that she enjoyed the settlement house/community center setting.

After attending a small Methodist Junior College in Brookhaven, MS and Scarritt College for Christian Workers in Nashville, TN, she was commissioned a Deaconess in the United Methodist Church. She was appointed to Wesley Community House, Butchertown in Louisville, Kentucky working as a "girls worker", Camp Director and Administrator retiring in 1979 after 40 years of service.

Following retirement, Helen became a trouble shooter for the Community Center Office of the National Division of the United Methodist Church and the National Federation of Settlements. She moved to Brooks-Howell Home in June, 1995. She was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her nephews, Dean Mandlebaum and his wife, Carol, William Mandlebaum and his wife, Linda and several cousins. Helen also leaves behind hundreds of people who's lives were touched through the 40 years she spent with the Wesley Community Center and during her 1 1/2 as a exchange social worker in England.

No services are planned.

Tribute Wall



“ *Miss Helen Mandlebaum*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I am not sure who wrote this obit, but it contains glaring errors and omissions. My father's name should have been shown as Bernard F. Mandlebaum. Helen was the only one who called him "Benny" and he never liked that nickname. The obit failed to mention a niece - my sister Ann and her husband David Gibson of Bolivar, MO. This was obviously written by someone at the retirement home where my aunt passed away. There are other discrepancies, but it would serve no purpose to dwell on them. The,, y did not know my aunt as well as they thought. It is a shame that no family members were consulted in the writing of this obit.*

D. Allen Mandlebaum

D. Allen Mandlebaum - September 07, 2015 at 11:01 AM



“ *We are sorry to learn about Helen. She was a great friend of the American Printing House for the Blind and the people we serve and I know she will be missed by friends and family. I was fortunate to meet Helen last year. She was an amazing woman and I will always remember our wonderful day together. I hope Smokey will be taken care, she loved him very much. With Sympathy, Kristin Binkowski along with Paul Zurkuhlen and Alice Garrett*

Kristin Binkowski - September 21, 2012 at 02:47 PM

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“Aunt” Helen touched so many lives for the good. I am so grateful our family knew her for almost all of her time at Wesley House and since. She was a big help in our adoption of two wonderful children and mentored me in many different ways. Would that we all could have her spirit. Lee Ellen (Inman) Glazier

Lee Ellen (Inman) Glazier (Mrs. Frank W. - September 15, 2012 at 10:45 AM

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“ I will always be grateful to Miss Mandlebaum for giving me a start in social work. She was truly a woman ahead of her time. With respect and admiration to a dedicated social worker and a benevolent human being. Regina Miron Greenberg

Regina Miron Greenberg - September 13, 2012 at 04:17 PM