

Recipes from the kitchen of Helene Pettit...

French Tomato Soup

1 large can of tomatoes	1 medium onion
2 carrots, diced	1 stalk of celery, diced
2 bay leaves	6 cloves
8 peppercorns	1 cup water
Parsley	

6 cups soup stock
2 Tbsp. butter
2 Tbsp. flour
Salt & Pepper to taste
2 lumps sugar

Simmer the first nine ingredients for 30 minutes.
Press thru a strainer keeping juices. Discard the rest.
Add 5-1/2 cups soup stock & simmer for 1 hour.
Melt butter & add flour blended with remaining 1/2 cup soup stock.
Gradually add to the soup with salt, pepper, & sugar.
Boil 5 minutes.
Serve with croutons & a dash of whipped cream if desired.

Old – Fashioned Oatmeal Cake

1-1/2 cups quick-cooking oats	1-1/4 cups boiling water
1 cup granulated sugar	1 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup butter, softened	1 teaspoon vanilla
3 eggs	1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda	1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt	1-1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg	

Frosting

2/3 cup packed brown sugar	1/4 cup butter, melted
3 tablespoons half-and-half	1 cup coconut
1/2 cup chopped nuts	

In a small bowl, mix oats & boiling water; let stand 20 minutes. Meanwhile, heat oven to 350F. Grease a 13x9-inch pan with shortening & lightly flour.
In large bowl, beat granulated sugar, brown sugar, and 1/2 cup butter until light & fluffy. Beat in vanilla & eggs. Beat in oat mixture and remaining cake ingredients until well blended. Spread batter evenly in pan.
Bake 35 to 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center of cake comes out clean.
For frosting, set oven to broil. In small bowl, beat 2/3 cup brown sugar, 1/4 cup butter, and half-and-half on high until smooth. Stir in coconut & nuts. Spread over warm cake.
Broil 4 to 6 inches from heat 1 to 2 minutes or until bubbly and light golden brown.

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Helene S. Pettit

January 8, 1933 - April 13, 2023

Celebrating the Life and Faith of

Helene S. Pettit

Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

St. Henry's Catholic Church - Perham, Minnesota

Officiated by: Father Tom Skaja

Musicians: Gina Cavanaugh and Patty Nelson

Interment at St. Henry's Catholic Cemetery

Prelude	“Amazing Grace”
Entrance Hymn	“Here I am, Lord”
First Reading	Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7
Psalms	Psalms 23
Second Reading	Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39
Gospel Reading	John 11:17-27
Offertory Song	“Prayer of St. Francis”
Communion	“Be Not Afraid” “On Eagle's Wings”
Final Commendation	“Song of Farewell”
Blessing	
Recessional Hymn	“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

*Please join Helene's family for food and fellowship at
Perham Lakeside Tap following the burial.*

2727 - 450th Street - Perham, MN



Helene (Schmidt) Pettit, age 90 of Perham, died Thursday, April 13, 2023 at Perham Living.

She was born on January 8, 1933 in Perham, to Robert and Margaret (Libert) Schmidt. Helene was graduated from Perham High School in 1950 and went on to St. Cloud State to obtain degrees in biology and physical education.

In 1956, she was united in marriage to Robert Lynn Pettit at St. Henry's Catholic Church in Perham. The Pettit's spent time in Salt Lake City, UT, Mahanomen, and eventually settled in Perham.

Helene was very active in the Perham community and was a member of several groups including the Mrs. Jaycees, Catholic Daughters, and Friends of the Library. She enjoyed teaching and was a substitute Perham High School, taught cooking classes for Community Education and later taught at St. Henry's School. She also volunteered at the Perham Library, which led to employment she enjoyed until retirement.

Helene loved to travel, taking many trips and cruises around the world. Some of her destinations included China, Nepal, Brazil, and Mexico. She also loved cooking, catering and entertaining for her friends and family.

Surviving Helene are her children, Thomas Pettit, Michael (Dawn) Pettit, Paul (Janet) Pettit, Maggie (Dave) Pettit-Laske, Patricia Pettit (Paull Rukavina), and Nicole Pettit (Dan Beers); grandchildren, Jill Pettit, Robert Rukavina, Andrew Rukavina, and Nicholas Rukavina; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Margaret; husband, Robert; son, James; and sisters, Margaret Lucking and Roberta Solberg.