



Helen Ann Becker

July 16, 1937 - October 1, 2016

Helen Ann Becker, age 79, of Maytown, died Saturday, October 1, 2016, at Mendota Lutheran Home. She was born July 16, 1937, in Marion Twp., Lee County, the daughter of Bernard and Lucille (McBride) Bushman.

Helen was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Maytown, and the Altar and Rosary Society.

She was one of the originators of a sewing endeavor with other ladies called Little Dresses for Africa, which made britches and dresses for less fortunate children in Africa. Helen also danced in a square dancing club which traveled to area nursing homes bringing entertainment to the residents.

Helen married Urban Becker at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy June 22, 1957.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 2 brothers Bernard and Charles Bushman; 1 sister Delores McGuire.

Survivors include her husband of Maytown; 7 children Debra (Al) Pendleton of Peoria, Tony (Beth) Becker, Mark (Kim) Becker, Larry (Marge) Becker, and Steve (Karen) Becker, all of Amboy, Don Becker of Sterling, and Susan (Mark) Schuemann of Marion, IA; 23 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 1 brother Ronald (Janet) Bushman of Dixon.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2016, at 10:30 AM in St. Patrick Catholic Church in Maytown, with the Rev. Randy Fronek, Pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in St. Patrick Cemetery in Maytown.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 4, from 3:00 until 8:00 PM with the

Rosary recited at 2:30 PM in Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy, and also on Wednesday from 9:30 until 10:15 AM in the church. A memorial has been established.

Cemetery Details

St Patrick Cemetery Maytown

1376 Maytown Rd
Amboy, IL 61310

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mihm-Jones Funeral Home, Amboy
303 East Main Street
Amboy, IL 61310
(815) 857-2611
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Service

OCT 5. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Church in Maytown
Maytown, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Ann Becker*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Helen Ann Becker*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to the Becker family. I will treasure my many Maytown memories of Helen Ann. ~Stacy (Burke) Meisgeier*

Stacy Meisgeier - October 06, 2016 at 08:13 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss Debbie, you and your family are in my prayers.
Betty Marlin*

Betty Marlin - October 05, 2016 at 06:20 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family at this difficult time. Sorry we are unable to attend the services as we prepare for a possible hurricane this week.*

Love,

Gary & Anne Burke

Gary Burke - October 04, 2016 at 06:47 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Helen Ann Becker.*



October 04, 2016 at 03:53 PM



“ *So sorry to hear if Helen passing. When I did trips for The First National Bank in Amboy I could count on Helen and Urban going most if the time. They were always a fun couple to have. Helen was such a fun and outgoing person and I loved having Helen and Urban on my trips. God Bless with love and prayers for the family. RIP Helen.*

Delores Pirzer - October 04, 2016 at 10:42 AM



“ *Friends from 5th grade on, what a blessing to have had her for a friend. She was so caring and always looking on the bright side of things. She always found the time to call and check up on her friends and family. She will be missed by family and so many friends, Love, Ellen*

Ellen Jones - October 03, 2016 at 09:09 PM



“ *Helen always showed kindness and compassion for everyone who was in need. Our sincere sympathy for the entire Becker family*



Ron and Carol Biester - October 03, 2016 at 06:10 PM

“ When I was a young child around 6th grade, my family and I became part of the Becker family. Our family consisted of Marge, Nick, Donnie (myself) and Rusty. From the first moment my family and I met Helen “Grandma Becker” and Urban “Grandpa Becker” we were welcomed with open arms. I do not remember being nervous, shy or scared. They made us feel right at home along with the rest of the Becker family, we were family upon arrival so to speak.

Grandma and Grandpa Becker is the pinnacle of what grandparents should be....Their family and God come first and foremost and they never miss anything family related. From the moment we joined the family I always felt as if I was one of their own grandchildren since birth; I know my brothers feel the same as well.

The first time I spent a Christmas at their house I was blown away by the amount of family, food and presents. In my young adolescent mind I wondered how Grandma Becker could even pull together a Christmas of this stature, it must of taken all year to plan such a grand event. Before we were part of the Becker’s we did get together with family for Christmas and holiday’s, but this was something to behold completely different than what I was accustomed to. All events and family get-togethers were very similar...lots of people, merriment and food, a true family event. I was very lucky to grow up in this environment and I was especially lucky to be able to join such a terrific family. Grandma Becker set the benchmark on how a holiday and or family event is structured and planned. One thing I failed to mention earlier about family events....There was NEVER a shortage of pictures taken. I think Grandma Becker kept the Kodak Company afloat for roughly 65 years. I never in my life then or today saw a woman that was so devoted and faithful about taking pictures and also making copies for the families. The family shared so many memories together and Grandma Becker kept all those memories on film and close to her heart. As far as devotion goes you will never find a more devoted wife, mother and Grandmother on this planet. She left a legacy behind in children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and photography that will be hard for any person to ever eclipse.

Even though I was a step-grandson I never felt that way. I've always looked to Grandma and Grandpa Becker as my grandparents and I still referred to them that way today whenever I think or speak about them. I will miss Grandma Becker for many reasons and she will always have a special place in my heart. I'm happy that I was able to grow up as her grandson and I will cherish every moment that I spent with her. My life has been touched by her and the Becker's in a way that I can't put into words also, a debt of gratitude that I would never be able to repay. I have nothing but the utmost love and respect for Grandma and Grandpa Becker.

In closing I'd like to thank Grandma Becker for all the things she has done for me, my life would have never been the same without her in it. God gave us an angel for 79 years, we were all lucky to have been loved by her. I have a feeling she may be sewing a big giant patch blanket in the sky right now and that puts a smile on my face.

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Rest peaceful tonight Grandma Becker, you've earned your place in heaven.

All my love, Donnie.

Donnie Wittenauer - October 03, 2016 at 02:45 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Helen Ann Becker.*



October 03, 2016 at 01:37 PM

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“ *Bonnie Carson lit a candle in memory of Helen Ann Becker*



Bonnie Carson - October 03, 2016 at 08:22 AM

BC

Helen was a sweetie and always wearing a smile. Helen had the best easy go to dessert recipes. I remember one of the first time I babysat for Helen and Urban and she had these Choc. Chip bars made for a treat. They were delicious and that recipe has now been passed down to our children who still use it today.

Bonnie Carson - October 03, 2016 at 08:25 AM

 Karen Henkel

“ *Helen always had a big heart and she was a wonderful person. She doesn't remember but I still use her pumpkin bar recipe that she gave my mother and I wrote in my cookbook before I got married. And it's the best and only recipe I ever used.*

Karen Henkel - October 02, 2016 at 08:37 PM

JB

“ *Jim And Marilyn Braidia lit a candle in memory of Helen Ann Becker*



jim and marilyn braidia - October 02, 2016 at 06:23 PM