



## Helen Rosezetta Baker

April 12, 1931 - December 12, 2015

Helen Rosezetta Baker, age 84 of Lovilia, passed away Saturday, December 12, 2015, under the care of HCI Hospice at the Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

Helen was born April 12, 1931, to Otto and Beulah (Adams) Corrick in Grinnell, Iowa. She married Merrill LeRoy Baker on June 19, 1954, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia. They shared 59 years of marriage prior to Merrill's passing and were blessed with five children, Kevin, Jolinda, Kim, Jeff, and Brian.

Helen attended school in Keswick, graduating with the class of 1949. After high school, she attended AIB for 1 year. Helen worked at Look Magazine in Des Moines. After getting married, she was a homemaker and later worked at Chamberlains in Albia for 10 years, from 1975-1985.

Helen was an outstanding athlete, setting the state scoring record for high school basketball. As a freshman, she played as a guard and as a sophomore, she scored 101 points in a game in 25 minutes. She was referred to as "Corky" and "the Keswick Flash." She played basketball for Look Magazine and at AIB where she was named All American. She was inducted to the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union Hall of Fame in 1978. She loved sports and liked to shoot hoops and play HORSE with her grandchildren and

great-grandchildren. She especially enjoyed walking and attending and watching her grandchildren's sporting events. Above all, Helen enjoyed spending time with her family.

Helen is survived by her five children, Kevin (Jane Sinnott) Baker of Albia, Jolinda (Ed) Wilson of Lovilia, Kim (Steve) Haluska of Decorah, Jeff (Jamie) Baker of Ankeny, and Brian Baker of Cedar Falls; a special nephew, Greg (Holly) Shelford of Knoxville; ten grandchildren, Ryan (Laura) Wilson of Cedar Falls, Lindsay (Dave) Kamerick of Albia, Adam (Kendra) Haluska of Solon, Carolie (Sean) Mays of Loma Rica, CA, Dustin Baker of Loma Rica, CA, Sean (Shellie) Haluska of Carroll, Kelsey (Andrew) Oswald of Ankeny, Kristin (Curt) Mick of Albia, Blake Haluska of Iowa City, and Brett Baker of Ankeny; and eleven great-grandchildren, Cole, Carter, Paige, Jerzey, Rhys, Jace, Ezra, Nolan, Tenley, Hudson, and Jett. She is also survived by a brother, Richard Corrick of Adel; and five sisters-in-law, Betty Baker of Des Moines, Hazel Baker of Albia, Norma Barnes and Gayle Hastings both of Lovilia, and Lola (Bob) Ivins of Albia.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Merrill; her parents, Otto and Beulah; a brother, Gerald "Slim" Corrick; 2 sisters, Thelma Paxson and Joyce Davis; and a great-granddaughter, Brooklyn Kamerick.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 16, 2015, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia; with Pastor Neil Montz officiating. A private family burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Lovilia at a later date.

Visitation will be 12-8 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Helen's family present from 4:30-8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Welcome Home Soldier or to the Southeast Iowa Kidney Foundation.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Rosezetta Baker*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Helen Rosezetta Baker*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *My condolences to your family on the loss of Helen. So surprised as i had just talked with her very recently & always enjoyed visiting w/her when i visited my own mom, Wilma, at Homestead. Such a sweet, fun, great lady! She will be greatly missed!*

**Karen Templer Deimerly - Albia, IA - friend** - December 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am very sorry for your loss. She was a grand lady and will be missed by many. With sympathy, Kae*

**Kae Morgan - Lovilia, IA** - December 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Praying for all of your family and asking the Lord to up hold you through this difficult time.*

**Randy and Carol (Visser) Rozenboom - IA** - December 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ So sorry for your loss! The Holland's are sending hugs your way from Decorah.

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**Sherri Holland - Decorah** - December 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ What a great lady, will always remember how much fun we had when she would come to Lovilia on the weekends when she live with my sisters in DM. Your dad was in the service. May she RIP. Prayers to all her family

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**Delores Flahive Littlejohn - West Des Moines, IA - friend** - December 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ My sympathy to the Baker family for the loss of your loved one. I will always remember the good times we had with Merrill and Helen.  
Always enjoyed visiting with Helen. She will be missed!

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**Naomi Braun - Friend** - December 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ My Deepest Condolences on the Passing of your Mother. May you find comfort in knowing her Journey Continues. May God Speed and Bless her Soul. May she Rest in Peace.

*Andy Simmons*

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**Andy Simmons - Fulton, IL - Friend** - December 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *My heart is heavy for the loss of Helen. May all your memories of Helen help at this time of loss. Love you all.*

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**Judith Weldon Selvy - Oskaloosa, IA - friend - December 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM**

LF

“ *Deepest sympathy to the Baker Family. I will always fondly remember walking into the kitchen and receiving that wonderful, warm inviting smile of your mom. So many happy memories of basketball and baseball games with the Bakers.*

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**Lynne Lucas Kasal - Elberon, IA - Friend - December 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM**

MI

“ *So sorry for your loss.....*

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**Mark Hollinrake - Solon, IA - December 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM**

GF

“ *Brian,  
Thinking of you.. our condolences.*

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**Gayle and Glenn Clark - Waterloo, IA - friend - December 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM**

TI

“ *Our sympathy to all of Helen's family. Our conversations usually were about family....she was a proud Mom and Grandma. Hold on to the good memories.*

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**Tom & Patty Hannam - Albia, IA - December 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM**

JF

“ MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

JULIE PAPICH WOOTEN - Rogers, AR - FRIEND - December 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I loved hearing stories about the Keswick Kittens from my Grandma Irene.

Kellie Northup - December 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO THE FAMILIES MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

ED MCGINN - QUINCY, IL - FRIEND - December 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ My deepest sympathy for the loss of your Mom. Kevin, Jolinda, Kim, Jeff, and Brian, I believe I can speak on behalf of most the kids our age that we lost a great neighborhood MOM. I have nothing but good thoughts of Ms. Helen, that big smile, and laugh. RIP Ms. Helen you will be missed by many but never forgotten.

Mick Mjaor - Macon, GA - Friend - December 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ My deepest sympathies

Martin Chamberlain - Chesapeake , VA - Friend - December 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Baker family in the loss of your loved one. Helen was a lovely person, always positive and she always had something funny to say to make you laugh. RIP Helen! You will be missed!

Love and prayers,  
Ed & Cheryl Scieszinski

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**Cheryl Scieszinski - Albia, IA - friend** - December 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ What a wonderful person! Sorry for your loss.

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**David D. Pope - Elkader , IA - lifelong family friend** - December 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ So sorry for your loss. Helen was always so cheerful and smiling. So glad to have met her at Assisted Living of Albia. Loved talking with her. She will be sorely missed. My thoughts & prayers are with the family.

Wilma Templer

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**Wilma Templer - Albia, IA - friend** - December 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ It was such a blessing being able to get to know this wonderful and caring lady. I will never forget our time shared with each other. She could always brighten your day and she always loved to joke around with me. I'm sure going to miss those days. Praying for everyone going through this hard time.

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**Libby - Oskaloosa, IA - Homestead** - December 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Helen was more like a Sister than Sister-in-Law. I remember the first time Merrill brought her to our home to meet his family. I was in awe of her. She had the ability to make instant friends with everyone. Loved her dearly and will miss her till we can meet again.* ”

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**Lola Ivins - Albia, IA - Sister-in-Law** - December 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM