



Helen (Elka) Baker

January 1, 1922 - April 15, 2011

The Lord called upon Helen to be with Him on Friday, April 15th, 2011. Helen resided most of her life in Boston, PA; however spent the last five years living in Topeka, Kansas. Helen was born 1922 in Scothaven, PA to Helen Verbus and Pete Yongovich. She was the last remaining of seven children. The Yongovich Family made their home in Boston PA in 1928. In 1940 Helen married John Paul Andrew Baker and they too settled in Boston. They had two children Mary Ann Baker-Goff born in 1940 and John Andrew Baker Jr. born 1943. Helen's life was her two children and she raised them in the Catholic faith. Her husband John passed away in 1975. Her daughter, Mary Ann, was called to be with the Lord in September of 2009. Mary Ann married William Thomas Goff in 1960 at St. Dennis Catholic Church, Versailles Boro, PA. They had two children Todd Allan of Wichita, Kansas and Patti jon of Topeka, Kansas. Her grandson, Todd, gave her two great-grandchildren; Travis Allan and Courtney Austin of Durant, Oklahoma. She was so looking forward to seeuing Travis graduate of South Eastern Oklahoma State University in May. At Holy Trinity Catholic Church in McKeesport, PA., Helen's son, John, married Billie Jean Oleska. Together, they had two daughters, Erin of York, PA and Dawn Renee' of Ferrell, PA. Erin is married to Michael Hinchcliff of Pittsburgh, PA. Together they gave Helen have four great-grand children Alec Michael, John Robert, Erika Paige, Holly Marie and Great Grand-Dog, Isabella. Jesse, Shaylee and Skyler are Helens Great Grand-Dogs from Dawn. When first moving to Topeka, Helen lived with her daughter,

Mary Ann and son-in-law Bill. After Mary Ann's passing she moved in with Patti Jon. Helen spent her days with her six Grand-dogs, Mooey, Annie, Sunny, Lexi, Zoe and Kellie. She proudly displayed pictures of her family in her room and almost every visitor was given the genealogical tour. Her second favorite past-time was playing the slot machines. Besides her immediate family Helen leaves behind her beloved brother-in-law, Donald Lundberg of McKeesport, PA and nephew, Donald Jr. and his four daughters, her close nieces and their families: Dorothy (Verbus) Rossi of Chicago Heights, IL, Darlene Yongovich of North Huntingdon, PA, Patty Derkas of Pittsburgh, PA and Ralph Baker of McKeesport, PA. There are too many relatives to mention all, but rest assured, you were always in her heart. Family was everything to Helen. Come celebrate Helen's life, listen to Polka Music and reminisce at Bekavac Funeral Home on Tuesday April 19th from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. On Wednesday April 20th, Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Corpus Christi Catholic Church at 12:00 p.m. with burial following at Mt. Vernon Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen (Elka) Baker*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. I am someone who stumbled upon an old classmate through this obituary. I attended Holy Trinity School with John Andrew Baker, Jr.*

I found this obituary by accident while looking for the Holy Trinity Church site. I was saddened by the fact that the church was torn down.

Once again, please extend my deepest sympathy to your family.

Donna (Nemchick) Bodzenski - September 05, 2011 at 11:57 AM



“ *I was blessed with working with Mrs. Baker at Lexington Park Nursing & Post Acute in Topeka, KS as a CNA. She was my favorite resident. She always encouraged everyone there to do good deeds, that we were angels sent from heaven, and that God had a great reward for us for helping her. She is greatly missed, but God has another gift in heaven with Him. Mrs. Baker's family are in my prayers.*

Kimberly Havens - April 20, 2011 at 09:24 AM

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“ *Patty jon, we are saddened to read of your grandmother's passing. You have had a couple of rough years and I imagine she was of great comfort to you. You are in our thoughts each and every day. Love, Karen and Chris*

Karen and Chris - April 18, 2011 at 10:05 AM