



Helen Erma Janzen

June 11, 1928 - April 23, 2024

Funeral services for Helen Erma Janzen will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 27, 2024, at the First Baptist Church of Alva with Pastor Chris Ruwaldt officiating. Burial will follow at the Alva Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva. There will be a visitation with family present from 5-7 p.m. on Friday.

Helen Erma Janzen, daughter of the late Abraham and Sara Wiens, was born June 11, 1928, in Meade, Kansas, and passed away April 23, 2024, in Alva, Oklahoma, at the age of 95 years, 10 months, and 12 days.

She was raised in Meade, Kansas, and graduated High School in 1946. Helen went on to nursing school where she became a registered nurse in Hutchinson, Kansas. She was united in marriage to Harold Barney Janzen on April 21, 1953, in Meade, Kansas. They raised their two daughters, Virginia Lee and Mary Elizabeth.

Helen and Harold moved around quite a bit for Harold's job. They lived in Okeene for 6 years, and Topeka, Kansas, for 3 years, in Tulsa for a year and Dallas, Texas, for 11 years, before moving to Alva in 1990. She always found a job as a nurse wherever they were and she retired at the age of 82 from Share Medical Center.

She was member of the First Baptist church and taught Sunday School for years, played bells, and enjoyed playing the piano. Helen was involved in Garden Club, enjoyed reading and after moving to the Homestead she enjoyed playing card games and Bingo.

Besides her parents, Abraham and Sara, she was preceded in death by her husband, Harold; her granddaughter, Bailey Shae Rhodes; her brothers, George, Walter, and Bill Wiens; and her sister, Mary Ann Westfall.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Elizabeth Stephens and husband, Rusty J., of Alva; grandchildren, Megan Ream and husband, Clint, of Cherokee, Aaron Bierig and wife, Leah, of Drummond, Hayden Bierig and wife, Nicole, of Woodward, Jack McMichael and wife, Sara, of Bixby, Lacey Rhodes and fiancé, Brandon Wallace, of Tulsa, Stetson Rhodes of Hardtner, Kansas; great-grandchildren, Jaden and Aniya January, Giazmin Evans, Alijah Monty, Mae McMichael, Tyson and Colton Ream, Wylie, Kyndal, Emerli, Aaron Mac, and Austin Bierig, Harper, Whitley, and Averie Bierig; and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the First Baptist Church.

Cemetery Details

Alva Municipal Cemetery

Flynn Street
Alva, OK 73717

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 26. 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home of Alva
230 Flynn Street. P.O. Box 804
Alva, OK 73717
(580) 327-2311
<https://www.marshallfuneralhomes.com/>

Family will be present from 5-7pm

Visitation with Family

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Funeral Service

APR 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
714 College Ave.
Alva, OK 73717

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“ While attending university in Alva, Harold and Helen opened their home to me inviting me over for lunch after church. She typically had sand plum jelly on hand with her homemade bread because she knew that I enjoyed eating it. Sometimes, if Stetson and Bailey were visiting, I would play with them as well. I would call Helen and Harold after I left Alva even as I globetrotted; I would even call them on Mother's and Father's Day to wish them well. I am grateful for the long friendship that I had with them, and I shall miss talking to Helen.

Timothy Click - April 27, 2024 at 10:01 AM