



Helen Deerhake

February 24, 1925 - July 20, 2012

Helen Brown-Deerhake, 87, of Wapakoneta, died 10:17 p.m., Fri. July 20, 2012, at St. Rita's Hospital, Lima, Ohio. She was born February 24, 1925, in Jennings Township in Putnam County, to Carl E. and Olga (Wreede) Kloeppel. On November 24, 1946 she married Jacque Brown who died June 3, 1981. On May 12, 1983 she married Louis Deerhake who died June 2, 1990. Survivors include daughter Pamela (John) Carpenter of Birmingham, Ala.; son David (Julie) Brown of Powell, Ohio; son Kevin (Wendy) Brown of Delaware, Ohio; and seven grandchildren, Alison (Matt) Hall of Bluffton, S.C., Heidi Brown of Columbus, Ohio, Matthew Brown of Delaware, Ohio; Amanda Carpenter of Birmingham, Ala., Erin Carpenter of Birmingham, Ala.; Tasker Brown of Powell, Ohio and Delaney Brown of Powell, Ohio; one great grandchild, Kennedy Hall of Bluffton, S.C.; sister-in-law Janet Brown of Columbus, Ohio, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Preceding her in death along with her parents and husbands is a brother Howard and sister-in-law Rita Kloeppel. Helen was a 1943 graduate of Ft. Jennings High School and was a member of First English Lutheran Church, Wapakoneta, where she served in numerous capacities over the years including church council and was currently on the visitation team for shut-ins. She was employed at Brown's Restaurant for many years. She was a member of the Woman's Club and enjoyed playing in card clubs with her friends. Known for her homemade pies, she was always happy when cooking and baking for family and friends. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Tues. July 31, 2012, at First English Lutheran Church, Wapakoneta, Pastor Steven Nelson officiating. Burial will follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta. Friends may visit with the family 5-8 p.m., Mon. July 30, 2012, at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, and 1 hr. prior to the service, Tues. at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First English Lutheran Church.

Tribute Wall

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“ Sending my deepest sympathy to Helen's beautiful family. I am Sonia the lady that baked & decorated the sugar cookies she gave to her family at holidays. I thoroughly enjoyed talking to her. She was a beautiful & very grateful lady. She loved her family. I deeply regret her loss. Will remember you in my prayers.

Sonia Opperman - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time. Helen was very special to our family and we will miss her very much.

Tracy Lee - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM