



Helen Mary Schlitzkus

September 12, 1933 - October 11, 2020

She was born September 12, 1933 in Iowa Colony, TX. She attended Catholic church, which was held at her grandmas's house. The priest would come from Sugar Land once a month and say mass in the living room. As time passed a church was built on the Scandlin Plantation in Arcola. She became a member there. Later as years passed a new church was built; which is now Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Manvel, TX. She was president of the altar society, eucharistic minister and helped with the Third Age Group. She volunteered as much as she could and especially liked helping with the auction at the church bazaars and fire department barbque's. Helen and Ed helped with every fire department barbque and auction that was held in Iowa Colony.

She is preceded in death by her husband Edward Louis Schlitzkus, Sons Edward Louis Schlitzkus Jr, and Randell Keith Schlitzkus; daughter Debra Kay Schlitzkus Clendennen. Mother – Albina Marie Valusek, Father – John Valusek, Five brothers and two sisters. She is survived by her son in Paco Clendennen, Sisters in law Maris Mager and Elva Valusek.

Helen and Ed also helped at every bazaar held at this church from the time they moved to Manvel in the early 1960's until he passed away in 1987. Thereafter, she attended Sacred Heart until she moved in the early 90's.

She became the first woman firefighter in Manvel. If she was home she made every call that came in to the Fire Department. I remember stories of wrecks, fires and may other calls. Along with words of caution passed along to loved ones when she returned home.

She received a plaque for Firefighter of the Year from Jack Smith of Texas A&M. She also had a huge hand in starting the first little league baseball team which was a great success in Manvel.

After the death of her husband she moved to Onalaska TX. She volunteered while attending St. Joseph Catholic Church and also with Onalaska Sr. Citizen group. She loved doing things for other people and she was very a very caring person. But if there was a

Texas Ranger game on the TV, you can bet she was at home watching the game. She loved all sports and could name all the players of each team. She loved outdoor activities, especially camping, fishing and hunting.

She played the clarinet in high school and continued on with her music playing through the years. She played the dulcimer with the Livingston Dulcimer Club. She also picked up the harmonica while watching TV, she could play the keyboard and guitar as well.

She moved to Carriage Inn independent living in Huntsville. Again, she volunteered and helped the coordinator with others that might need a hand. She then moved to Crockett. She attended St. Francis Catholic Church. She enjoyed going to the senior citizen center and loved fellowship with others. She was a member of KJZT lodge #96 and vice president of Woodmen Life Chapter #4652.

I loved all my nieces and nephews. But there was one that was the apple of my life, Denise Shoemake. Denise and Bobby Shoemake were very special to me, there are too many memories to mention them all.

Denise's back porch was and always will be the gathering spot for family functions. Helen loved playing with her great nieces and nephews. Every birthday, anniversary and holiday was celebrated there.

Cemetery

South Park Cemetery

1310 North Main St.
Pearland, TX, 77581

Events

OCT 16 **Rosary** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church
6502 CR 48, Manvel, TX, US, 77578

OCT 16 **Mass of Christian Burial** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church
6502 County Road 48, Manvel, TX, US, 77578

Comments



“ I did not see this until today (17th) so missed seeing a family I have loved for half a century. My favorite memory of Helen was a canoe trip in Big Bend Thanksgiving 1990 or 91, not sure. Those who know her will relate to us being first packed & on the river each morning and first unpacked and set up each evening. She was EFFICIENT! Entertainment, no radio, non stop singing! I was always amazed that a woman with so much tragedy in life was forever singing. She was incredibly strong, hard working and full of joy.

carolyn Bowen - October 17 at 09:32 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Helen Mary Schlitzkus.



October 15 at 08:55 AM



“ Aunt Helen was my grandfathers sister. She was the only sister out of three that I personally knew. To me, she was Aunt Booja, the kissing bandit. I am not sure how I came up with the name Booja for her but my mother said I began calling her that at a very early age. She had a warm heart and joyous personality and I always felt loved and welcomed when around her. I will always remember her squeezing and kissing my cheeks, she truly lived up the the kissing bandit name. Both her and Uncle Ed are a large part of my childhood memories. Those memories will last a lifetime as I will never forget either of them. My deepest sympathies and prayers go out the the Schlitzkus and Valusek families and the ones that cared for Aunt Booja.

Billy Dalmolin

Billy Dalmolin - October 14 at 06:24 PM



“ mama Helen as she was to me and she often claimed me as a daughter was a lady with a warrior spirit. She didn't like to share her daughter, Debbie with me but would always come around when she knew we could share. May she Rest In Peace and finally be rejoined with those that were her life. Donna Nystrom
My deepest sympathies to all the family and to those who were so good to take care of her these last few years.

donna nystrom - October 14 at 05:32 PM



“ Me Helen....rejoice in heaven with your family. Hug Deb a little tighter for me. Thank you to all who cared and loved on her during her hardest of times. Love to each of you

Cyndy Keys - October 14 at 06:00 PM



“ Helen, you will be missed by all, but I can only imagine how happy you are to be reunited with all your family! Please give Debbie a giant hug for me, and let her know I so miss her, and always will! Spencer

Spencer Owen - October 14 at 08:00 PM



“ Oh Helen your soul was as precious as your being. You raised the best daughter and I know where she got it from. Thank you for loving my mom as your own and sharing your daughter with us. I could listen to your stories for hours! Rest easy with your babies and give that girl a hug from all of us that miss her so dearly. Lisa

Lisa Green - October 15 at 11:06 AM