



Helen J. Brooks

July 14, 1934 - April 23, 2024

Helen Janet Brooks, 89, of Kilbourne passed away at 12:29 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at Riverview Estates in Havana, Illinois. She was born on July 14, 1934 in Chandlerville, Illinois to Jephtha and Wilda M. (Whitehurst) Armstrong. She married Delbert Brooks on October 4, 1952 in Chandlerville, and he preceded her in death on November 23, 2012.

Helen is survived by her children: Tom (Ruth) Brooks of Havana, Bob (Pam Johnson) Brooks of Greenview, and Terry (Len) Campbell of Nashville, Illinois, grandchildren: Jake (Shellie) Brooks, Lucas Brooks, Jenni (John) McDowell, Josey Campbell, Lindsay (Lonnie) McAnally and Chad Garlisch, great-grandchildren: Carter, Jenna, and Liam Brooks, Beau and Dane McDowell, Lauryn and Lane McAnally, and Shooter Garlisch, and sister Mariellen (Jerry) Dietz of Nashua, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and brother Alan Armstrong.

Helen was a member of Chandlerville Christian Church. She started her teaching career at Anderson School and taught for over 40 years at Anderson, Havana, Beardstown, and Chandlerville.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana, with a visitation one hour prior to the service from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Rev. Leanne Noland will officiate. Burial will follow the service at Bethel Cemetery in Chandlerville.

Memorial donations may be made in Helen's name to Havana Athletic Boosters. Online condolences can be left for her family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Cemetery

11500 ECR 320N
Chandlerville, IL 62627

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana
217 North Plum Street
P.O. Box #648
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2244
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

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Tribute Wall

JH

“ *Helen was a lovely lady. It was a pleasure to know her. Her energy and her smile made her a joy to be around. Our condolences to her family.* ”

Judith K Hurdle - May 03, 2024 at 01:28 PM

KN

“ *Mrs. Brooks was one of my favorite teachers. I thought of her often in my teaching career.* ”

Kris Nuding - April 29, 2024 at 09:06 PM

KN

“ *Kris Nuding lit a candle in memory of Helen Brooks* ”



Kris Nuding - April 29, 2024 at 09:03 PM

ML

“ *Melody Lynn lit a candle in memory of Helen Brooks* ”



Melody Lynn - April 29, 2024 at 09:29 AM

RB

“ I was so sad to hear about Helen. The band that my husband and I are in play music there sometimes, and Helen always enjoyed it so much. She would smile the entire time and thank us for coming. She was such a lovely person, and she had the most beautiful smile! Sending my condolences to her family and all who loved her.

Rita Badger - April 29, 2024 at 05:53 AM

RM

“ Sending Condolences to the Brooks family for your loss.



Russ and Nancy Miller - April 27, 2024 at 09:40 AM

TH

“ TERNI HINRICHS lit a candle in memory of Helen J. Brooks



TERNI HINRICHS - April 27, 2024 at 05:34 AM

DR

“ I remember how much Helen enjoyed the bluegrass music at Kilburne. Whenever Danny and I would play and sing, I could look across the room and see her radiant smile. I could feel the love flowing out of her. I feel privileged to have known her.



Deborah Rich - April 26, 2024 at 11:17 PM

RH

“ *She was one of the best teachers we ever had. My children just loved her and she was a lot of help for all of us. God give the family peace through this sad time* 🙏❤️🙏



Rita Kirk Hardy - April 26, 2024 at 05:54 PM

DS

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Helen's passing. She was a lovely person. My condolences to the family.*

Dennis Siltman - April 26, 2024 at 05:33 PM

MH

“ *Mary Herring lit a candle in memory of Helen J. Brooks*



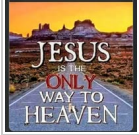
Mary Herring - April 26, 2024 at 04:05 PM

GW

“ *So sorry*



Gina Gilmore Watkins - April 26, 2024 at 02:23 PM



“ I enjoyed talking with her. There was never a dull moment and always laughed. I'm going to miss you so much "Tough ol' Country Girl!" I love you

Christina Switzer - April 26, 2024 at 02:05 PM

TD

“ So sorry for the loss of Helen. She was a such a delight when I worked at Riverview



Toni Marie Dye - April 26, 2024 at 12:59 PM

RQ

“ RON BARB QUINONES lit a candle in memory of Helen Brooks



RON AND BARB QUINONES - April 26, 2024 at 11:36 AM

RF

“ Helen was one of my favorite teachers, she was a wonderful lady, kind, loving and caring. She will be dearly missed

Rose Ford - April 26, 2024 at 10:47 AM

KB

“ So very sorry for your loss.



Kim Baker - April 26, 2024 at 10:47 AM

RD

“ Rose Davis-Ford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen J. Brooks.

Rose Davis-Ford - April 26, 2024 at 10:44 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Helen J. Brooks.



April 26, 2024 at 10:44 AM

GF

“ So sorry sending love & prayers



Gitana Fletcher - April 26, 2024 at 10:11 AM

LH

“ *Larry Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Helen Brooks*



Larry and Mary Hundt - April 26, 2024 at 09:20 AM

DR

“ *Mrs Brooks. My 1st teacher. Besides my parents, she had the biggest influence in my life. She started me right with love and encouragement. I am happy to say we stayed close all our lives. I miss you already. Danny rich*

Danny rich - April 26, 2024 at 09:13 AM

DW

“ *Sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family* ❤️🙏



Dan and Chris Wilson - April 26, 2024 at 08:52 AM

PZ

“ *Pam Ziegler lit a candle in memory of Helen Brooks*



Pam Peterson Ziegler - April 26, 2024 at 02:33 AM

CH

“ *Cheryl Hahn. Condolences to the family of Helen J Brooks.*



Cheryl Hahn - April 26, 2024 at 02:25 AM

LM

“ *Lynne Bob McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Helen Brooks*



Lynne and Bob McDaniel - April 25, 2024 at 10:55 PM

MN

“ *Mary Neely lit a candle in memory of Helen Brooks*



Mary A Neely - April 25, 2024 at 10:41 PM

JS

“ *Helen was one of the sweetest ladies. Always enjoyed our talks when we saw one another. Thoughts and prayers for the family*

Julie Shults



julie shults - April 25, 2024 at 07:38 PM

RG

“ So sorry for your loss



Robert Griffin - April 25, 2024 at 06:31 PM

CK

“ Prayers to the family. Enjoyed visiting with Helen

Carol Fisk Kolves - April 25, 2024 at 04:13 PM

K(

“ She was a beautiful person inside and out.
Thoughts and prayers to her family.



Kerry Schramm (Johnson) - April 25, 2024 at 03:55 PM

TA

“ So sorry for your loss. Corey and Tara
Scheland



Tara - April 25, 2024 at 03:45 PM

JC

“ *Julitta Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Helen Brooks*



Julitta Carpenter - April 25, 2024 at 03:41 PM

AH

“ *Such a sweet and classy lady. She used to make caramelized bananas and they were delicious!!! Thoughts and prayers to her family*



Angie Haarman - April 25, 2024 at 03:04 PM

TC

“ *The Oakdale Saddle Club purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Helen J. Brooks.*



The Oakdale Saddle Club - April 25, 2024 at 02:53 PM

TC

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The Oakdale Saddle Club - April 25, 2024 at 02:53 PM

NE

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with her family* ”



Nancy Elliott - April 25, 2024 at 02:20 PM

DW

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Dan and Chris Wilson - April 25, 2024 at 01:54 PM

JR

“ *Jennifer Reese lit a candle in memory of Helen Brooks* ”



Jennifer Reese - April 25, 2024 at 01:25 PM

KA

I have a lot of fun and fond memories of the times I and others spent with her as she helped us study for the Spelling Bees. Karen Anderson (Garner)!

Karen Anderson - April 25, 2024 at 09:51 PM

HE

Milton and I have known Helen since high school. Helen and I were in same grade. Many good memories! She was so kind and caring to all. In later years, at all visits, she always checked on how and where our families were. Our sincere sympathy to her families. Hazel and Milton Edge

Hazel Edge - April 27, 2024 at 03:32 PM