

Helen Catherine Barta, 105

Sept. 27, 1911 - Dec. 28, 2016

PERSIA – Helen Barta, daughter of Frank and Francis (Helman) Dolezal, was born September 27, 1911 on a farm near Bruno, Nebraska. She attended District 28 Country School in Bruno and graduated from Bruno High School in 1924.

On March 17, 1936, Helen was united in marriage to Victor Barta at the St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Bruno, NE. They became parents of five daughters; Joyce, Janice, Judi, Jacki, and Jerri. She and her husband Victor farmed in Linwood and Mead, NE areas before retiring to Persia, in 1974, where they were members of St. James in Mead, NE and St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima in Portsmouth.

Helen was an excellent cook and gardener, homemaker, and did beautiful embroidery and sewing. She hand embroidered tea towels until the age of 103 for Heartland Family Service of Omaha to be auctioned off at their yearly fund-raising benefit. The embroidered towels were also given to all family members and many are still in use.

In April of 2015, Helen went to live at St. Joseph's Villa in David City, NE where she passed away Wednesday, December 28, 2016 attaining the age of 105 years, three months, one day. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 60 Victor; son-in-law George Abbott; grandsons Tim Feekin and Gregory Handbury; great grandson Zach Blowers; four brothers and two sisters.

She leaves behind her grieving family of Joyce and her husband Wally Polak of Bellevue, NE; Janice and her husband Duane Blowers of Fremont, NE; Judi and her husband Don Feekin of Papillion, NE; Jacki Feige of La Vista, NE; Jerri and her husband Max Handbury of Persia; 22 grandchildren; 38 great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; many nieces and nephews; and friends.

An 11 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. David Smith S.J. on Monday, January 2, 2017 at the St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth. Jerome Blowers served as an honorary casket bearer. Steve Feekin, Craig Handbury, Joe Blowers, John Blowers, Jason Blowers and Michael Feige served as casket bearers. Burial was held at the St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



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