



Geneva "Beth" Helzer

May 9, 1924 - March 27, 2015

Funeral services for GENEVA E. "BETH" HELZER, 90, will be held at 10am Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at the First Baptist Church with Reverend Rick Cederholm officiating. Burial will follow in the Valley View Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church. Visitation will be Monday from 3pm to 5pm at the funeral home and the casket will be open prior to the service at the church. A full obituary will follow. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Geneva was born May 9, 1924 in Vinata, Oklahoma the daughter of Clarence and Josie (Burrress) Hill. At an early age the family moved to Torrington, Wyoming where she attended school and graduated Torrington High School in 1942 She received a part time scholarship to Barnes Business College in Denver, Colorado but decided not to accept much to the disappointment of her parents. She worked in Torrington for Kellam Drug, and the Gambles Store. She became engaged to her high school sweetheart Arthur Helzer in June 1942 an they were married October 21, 1945 at the farm of Art's parents in Torrington. In the spring of 1946 they moved to their first farm south of Yoder, Wyoming, farming there until 1950. In 1952 they purchased a second farm southwest of Yoder. They lived there until 1970 when Art died. She remained on the farm until 1973 and then moved to Torrington. She worked at the Vandel Drug for John and Joyce Vandel as the head cashier and helped them

celebrate twenty-five years of being in business on Main Street. She moved into an apartment owned by Berea Russell and lived there for twenty-one years while employed at Vandel Drug. She moved to the Golden Manor in 1990 and later entered Community Health Care Center in 2014.

Geneva was the longest standing member of the First Baptist Church. She was active in the church and held different offices, Sunday School teacher, Deaconate board, White Cross Chairman, and Circle Choir Chairman. She loved to sing and was faithful and dedicated to her Lord, family, church and friends. She accepted the Lord into her life in 1942 at eighteen years of age.

Geneva is survived by son Bradley A. Helzer and a daughter Marsha Beth (Dick) Yates all of Torrington; a sister, Margie Loveland of Cheyenne, WY; four grandchildren Darin Yates, James Wesley Helzer, Timothy James Helzer, and Chasity Renee Medina; and three great granddaughters, Dezi, Atheena, and Minah. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Arthur; one infant son; five sisters Kathryn Harkins, Juanita May Carter, Anna Louise Hutchinson, Lillian Ellen Webb, and Myrtle Hill as an infant; and four brothers Floyd Eugene Hill, Lester C. Hill, Alfred LeRoy Hill, and Lloyd Gene "Dude" Hill.

Tribute Wall

LA

“ *Marsha, I'm so sorry for your loss. May God wrap His arms around you and comfort you. LoisAnn Bayless Armstrong*

LoisAnn Armstrong - April 04, 2015 at 06:49 AM

JG

“ *Jeanne Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Geneva "Beth" Helzer*



Jeanne Gilbert - April 01, 2015 at 01:05 AM

SD

“ Dear Marsha, Brad, Dick and Darrin,

Aunt Beth will be truly missed by all her family and friends. Our thought and prayers are with you. We know she is in a better place and having a high old time seeing Uncle Art and all her family that have been waiting to welcome her home.

I will always remember all the fun times as we were growing up and all the trouble we always seemed to get into out on the farm. I remember the time we gathered all those rotten eggs and smashed them against the shed. Thought we were goners but she just shook her head and went back to the house. Can still taste all the wonderful food she made for us and especially the special German treats.

God Bless you

Love Susan and Bill

Susan Dubey - March 30, 2015 at 02:50 PM

ET

“ Evy (Honstein) Thompson lit a candle in memory of Geneva "Beth" Helzer



Evy (Honstein) Thompson - March 30, 2015 at 12:31 PM

CH

“ *Marsha, There is no greater joy in life than family and no greater sorrow than losing family. I, and John, are so sorry about the passing of your mom.*

After 20 plus years, there is one moment that stays with me. And I hope this remembered story makes you smile..... When your mom was out for a walk one day, she fell off the sidewalk curb near my place. I fondly remember sitting in the gutter with her, cradling her in my arms, (cuz I had no idea of her injuries) and we waited together, there in the gutter, for the ambulance. I recall she kept saying, "I'm so sorry I'm such a bother.... but don't leave me." ... and I didn't. I stayed with her all the way to the hospital.

I know you'll miss her, Marshie. May God wrap His loving arms around you and bring you comfort.

Sending you our thoughts and love, charm & john

Charm - March 30, 2015 at 10:42 AM

CA

“ *So sorry for your loss, know I am thinking of you.*

Chris Arntt - March 30, 2015 at 09:58 AM

LD

“ *Linda Dawkins lit a candle in memory of Geneva "Beth" Helzer*



Linda Dawkins - March 29, 2015 at 02:23 PM