



Helen Angie Silk

December 2, 1935 - July 5, 2023

Helen Angie Silk, our beautiful Mom, Grandma, and Great-Grandma passed away peacefully on July 5, 2023.

Helen was born on December 2, 1935, in Butte, MT, to loving parents Verne and Josie Bennett. She grew up in Butte and graduated from Butte Girls' Central. In her youth she was a member of the Butte Figure Skating Club. She was an excellent student and was offered a position with the County Superintendent of Schools right out of high school. She met the love of her life, William James Silk, on a blind date. They were married on June 22, 1957, and embarked on a 53 year journey of love, faith, family and happiness until Bill's passing on December 10, 2010. Helen loved spending time with her family and friends camping and snowmobiling. She especially loved spending 3 weeks at Seeley Lake each summer. She was very creative and always kept herself busy usually by doing something for someone else. She was quite the poet and could whip up a poem in any setting. She was also a great cook -- filleted fish, pasties and povitica were her specialties and her recipes are treasured and remain a part of nearly every family gathering. Helen was an excellent seamstress with a knack for making barbie doll clothes and furniture that reportedly "saved Christmas" one year. She volunteered at the Lady of the Rockies. She traveled with her son, Dave, early in his speedskating career to St. Paul and Milwaukee. Helen and Bill went to the 1984 Olympics in Sarajevo and the whole family went to the 1988 Olympics in Calgary. She and Bill spent countless hours helping out at the High Altitude Sports Center.

Helen could frequently be found helping out in the concessions at the Sports Center.

Helen's strong Catholic faith sustained her throughout her life and inspired those blessed to know her. It comforts us to know through the faith that our parents nurtured in us that our mother Helen and father Bill are reunited as they were always meant to be. Helen and Bill had five children: Dan (Dawn), Diane, Debra, Dave (Lori), and Darlene (Steve). Helen is also survived by grandchildren, Heather Wilson (Jacob), Chad Silk (Kimi), Ryan Carmody, Robby Carmody, Jordan Keltz (Kayla), Taylor Keltz, Skylar Silk (Mikaela), Will Silk, Autumn Silk, Rory Kearns, Daniel King, Marc McGillen, Molly McGillen; and great-grandchildren, Harley Wilson (Heather and Jacob), Leo, Vivian and Lilian Silk (Chad and Kimi), Jackson, Olivia, Nolan (Jordan and Kayla), Bennett (Taylor). Helen is also survived by her sisters Shirley Lemm (Howard, deceased), Terri Lackey (Alan); and brother Ted Bennett (Diane), numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, Verne and Josie Bennett, parents-in-law William and Agnes Silk, son-in-law Brad Keltz, and brother-in-law, Howard Lemm.

Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 12th, at St. Patrick Catholic Church of Butte with Father Beretta presiding. The family will be at the church at 10 a.m. for visitation. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the U.S. High Altitude Speedskating Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 3208, Butte, MT. 59701.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Cemetery

4700 Harrison Avenue
Butte, MT 59701

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
corner of Mercury and Washington
Butte, MT 59701

Memorial Mass

JUL 12. 11:00 AM.

St. Patrick Catholic Church Of Butte

Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Browning School Board/Administration purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Helen Angie Silk.*



Browning School Board/Administration - July 11, 2023 at 11:46 AM

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“ *Helen was one of my Mom's childhood friends. They were lifelong friends. Mom spoke of Helen often. I hope our parents are on a double date in heaven, dancing to a polka. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Memory Eternal 🙏 Margie Wills Laketa*

Margie Wills Laketa - July 07, 2023 at 10:14 PM

SS

“ *Suzanne and Sandy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Helen Angie Silk.*



Suzanne and Sandy - July 07, 2023 at 05:14 PM

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“ *Suzanne and Sandy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Angie Silk.*

Suzanne and Sandy - July 07, 2023 at 05:14 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. We send our love and prayers to you all in this time of sadness and gladness, as with great love, comes great loss.

You all did a fabulous tribute to your mom, grandma, and great grandmother Helen. Bravo!

You highlighted many of her finest qualities and her giant capacity for love, faith, and warmth which she generously and enthusiastically shared with others.

She will be, and is already, sorely missed.

Suzanne and Sandy - July 07, 2023 at 05:10 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Helen Angie Silk.*



July 07, 2023 at 12:09 PM

LM

“ *Dan and Dawn, Diane, Debra, Dave and Lori, and Darlene and Steve and all your families, we are sorry for your loss and so grateful to have known Helen over the years. Helen and Bill were always so kind and welcoming to us and you all hold special places in our hearts. May the memories of your time together and the legacy of love and faith instilled by your wonderful parents comfort you in your loss. Love from the Meltons.*



Lance Melton - July 07, 2023 at 11:50 AM



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Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home - July 06, 2023 at 08:02 PM