



## Helen L. Karraker

April 27, 1922 - April 2, 2018

Helen L. Karraker, 95, of Kankakee, passed away on Monday, April 2, 2018 at her home. She was born on April 27, 1922, in Buncombe, to Fred and Lucy Howard Willyard. Helen married Eugene Karraker on August 3, 1941. He preceded her in death on March 26, 1985.

Helen worked as a waitress at Homestead Restaurant in Kankakee for 40 years. Helen was a lifetime member of VFW Auxiliary in Anna, IL. She enjoyed crocheting, quilting, and spoiling her grandkids.

Helen is survived by two sons and two daughters-in-law, Jerry (Penny) Karraker, of Hardin, KY and Dennis (Linda) Karraker, of Bourbonnais; nine grandchildren; thirty-six great grandchildren; six great great grandchildren; and special friend, Terry Linsky.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and special friends, Vic Leone and Rev. Edward O'Malley.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 am until the 1:00 pm funeral service on Monday, April 9, 2018 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Burial will follow at Aroma Park Cemetery in Aroma Township.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.



# Cemetery Details

## Aroma Park Cemetery

2585 S. Sandbar Rd  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 933-8638

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

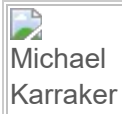
Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

APR 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

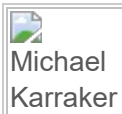


“ *Michael Karraker lit a candle in memory of Helen L. Karraker*



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**Michael Karraker** - April 09, 2018 at 10:53 AM



“ *Grandma loved all her family!! Making Quilts and crocheting blankets for loved ones There 52 years of memories I could go on forever but the best memories are the trip we took south !*



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**Michael Karraker** - April 09, 2018 at 10:49 AM



“ *I remember Helen working at the Homestead restaurant. As a family we would go there to eat on occasion. She was always very nice and a pleasure to see and visit with every time we went there.*

*My condolences to all of you on your great loss.*

*Paul Ziemer, WA state*

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**Paul Ziemer** - April 08, 2018 at 11:27 PM

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“ I am so saddened to hear of Helen's passing, my prayers go out to the family. I had the privilege of Helen being my co-worker at Homestead and also, my landlady, as I lived above her in the adorable apartment 30+ years ago. She took me in when I needed a place to live and the apartment was available. She became like my second mother, as well as a good friend, who took me under her wing. She helped me decorate my daughters room by sewing curtains, making a blanket for her with her excellent sewing skills. We spent a lot of time together those 2 years that I lived above her. I regret not coming by to see her, over the years, as she would always put that in her yearly Christmas cards we would exchange. Rest in Peace, Helen. Love you and thank you for your wonderful friendship..xoxo

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**Barbara Blanchette Dams** - April 06, 2018 at 03:38 PM



Michael  
Karraker

*barb she loved you all*

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**Michael Karraker** - April 09, 2018 at 10:39 AM

RB

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

*Rhonda Bouchard*

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**Rhonda Bouchard** - April 06, 2018 at 10:38 AM

MH

*My thoughts and Prayers are with you all at this time. I never got the chance to meet Helen in person. But spent a lot of time in phone conversations. As she was such a huge help researching the Howard family line. And out of the blue she had sent me a blanket that she had crocheted .I think of her when I use my blanket. We sure had a lot of laughs in our talks. She was special to me, since the first phone call. I just got a call informing me of her passing and tears just kept rolling down my cheeks .She talked a lot of her family, that she loved so dearly and loved talking of her past (as she put it, strolling down her memory lane) . Rest In Peace Sweet, Sweet Lady, I will miss you very much. And may the Lord send Angels of Peace and Comfort to surround your boys and daughter-in-laws and many grandchildren and great grandchildren you loved so. Your were an Angel on earth and now your an Angel in Heaven . We will meet on the other side one day .Miss you now and forever, Love you Helen*

**Midi Howard** - April 08, 2018 at 08:10 PM



Michael  
Karraker

*she loved tracing the family history !! glad you got to share her love!!*

**Michael Karraker** - April 09, 2018 at 10:41 AM