



## Helena Crabtree

February 22, 1951 - December 22, 2021

Helena Crabtree, age 70, of Bourbonnais passed away Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at her home, surrounded by her family after a long term illness. She was born on February 22, 1951 in Indianapolis, IN, the daughter of, James & Irene (Holland) Grider. Helena married Hank Crabtree on July 26, 1969 in Indianapolis, IN.

Helena enjoyed the outdoors, especially her flower garden. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Surviving are her husband of 52 years, Hank Crabtree of Bourbonnais; two daughters, Angel & Richard Bouzek of Buford, GA and Amanda Swanson of Chebanse; two brothers, Michael Grider and Tim & Pam Grider, all of Indianapolis, IN; four sisters, Darlene & Arnie Earls, LaVonne & John Ladd, Rita & Terry McDonald, and Debbie Grider, all of Indianapolis, IN; and four grandchildren, Tiffany Bouzek, Stephanie Bouzek, Trevor Swanson, and Carter Swanson. Helena is preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Tina Grider; and two brothers, Joe Grider and David Grider.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no public services held. Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to the United Pompe Foundation.



# Tribute Wall

IL

“ We love you sis think about you every day miss you so much but we will see you again one day all of us we have a great reunion alot has happened since you went home will tell you all about one day love your sister



**Ilene** - December 26, 2025 at 02:17 PM

DA

“ We are saddened by the loss of your wife, mother and grandmother. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Remember she is no longer bed bound and in pain she is walking now in her heavenly home. She is walking in a peaceful garden with beautiful flowers of vivid color. God has welcomed her home to paradise. You will see her again.



Love,  
Mike, Darlene, LaVonne, Tim, Rita, Debra (Brothers & Sisters)

**Darlene** - December 24, 2021 at 08:09 AM

RM

Angel Mandy your grandma would say all of her children were like little Olive sitting around her table a gift from God each one well one of her little olives has went home one of the links to our family chain we will be linked together again and I have only home where we lay our burdens and our sorrows down never to have them again what a beautiful day it's going to be when we can dance together sing together and walk streets of gold I know but it's really sad my heart breaks and I know for a Hank and you girls and so much harder but hold on love your aunt Rita and Uncle Terry

**Rita McDonald** - December 24, 2021 at 11:41 AM

DG

“ She was wonderful big sister and I have so many wonderful memories. I remember one time she thought she won the lottery. Hank wrote on a piece paper the numbers he got off the tv and Sis thought they were the lottery numbers they picked. She said we won. She even got weak in the knees. She said I felt like a millionaire for a minute. My big sister wanted to constantly feed us. We had great times when we were got together.



*My dear sister I love you so much.*

*Debra Grider*

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**Debra Grider** - December 24, 2021 at 07:58 AM

DE

“ *Darlene Earls lit a candle in memory of Helena Crabtree*



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**Darlene Earls** - December 24, 2021 at 07:54 AM

LL

*Lavonne Ladd  
Lavonne Ladd*

*We all loved our sis we had a lot of good times growing up .we are a close family and when one of us was sick or hurt we always stick together we will always miss you but she forever in our hearts*

*Love you big sister  
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**Lovonne ladd** - August 31, 2022 at 09:24 AM

DE

“ You have been a wonder wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. We love you so much and will miss you. We know you are now resting in the arms of God in perfect peace. You are now walking on the streets of gold and drinking the crystal-clear water of the rivers. We picture you strolling through the gardens looking at the beautiful vivid color flowers. You will be forever in our hearts. You are now with Mom and Dad enjoying a great reunion. We will see you again in our heavenly home.

*A Loving Memory*

*Dear sister I have a dear memory of us when we lived in the gardens. We moved from making mud pies to smearing the mud all over our bodies. Mom was not pleased with us and had to wash us down with a water hose. But we had fun... Our family always had a wonderful time when we visit each other. Lots of laughs and giggles.*

*With All Our Love*

*Darlene & Arnie*

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**Darlene Earls** - December 24, 2021 at 07:54 AM

RM

*Where do you start with memories there's so many of them I remember some of our latest conversations of hearing her say to Hank hey dear tell me about recipes talking about her kids all of us getting together Thanksgiving and see who made the best dessert the timer and Hank went motorcycle riding and I was staying with her took her two or three days to get her hair all brushed out it was so long and thick her talking about the grapevines in Sunshine garden and stretching the word delicious the way she said it was so funny to dancing in the dining room on arbor laughing and giggling the day her and Hank got married I remember that he was so beautiful I thought you look like a princess way she would call animals beast and say it must be the Indian in her she was just funny sometime when we would come and stay with her me and Debbie and we'd go to the ceramic shop and come back home and paint I still have the ceramics that I painted sis was a good person a good sister a daughter a wife a mother I'm going to miss talking to her tell her and her voice but I'm so happy that she won't be homesick for her house and in that bed not being able to take care of Hank and baby him the way she loved to do you will always be in our hearts and in our thoughts we will miss you but we will soon be together where are circle will never be broken our family came linked together again goodbye for now sis I love you so very much your little sister Rita*

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**Rita McDonald** - December 24, 2021 at 12:41 PM