



Helga Zumbahlen

January 16, 1928 - November 13, 2021

Helga Zumbahlen left us for her eternal home on Saturday, November 13, 2021. She was born in Germany, the third of six children, on January 16, 1928.

She was raised in Lincoln Estates, Illinois and graduated from Bloom High School. Shortly after graduation, she became engaged to the love of her life, Ed Zumbahlen. They married and were blessed with one son, Dennis. Helga was a loving, kind, and generous mother who always opened her door to all of the friends Dennis brought home. They all affectionately called her "Mrs. Z." She always encouraged and supported Dennis and his buddies in all their sports and other activities, never missing a game!

Helga worked for the phone company and later in a doctor's office. She and Ed retired and moved to Florida in 1983 and enjoyed many happy years there and celebrated 57 years of marriage. Ed passed away in 2004.

Helga's greatest joy came with the arrival of her three "darlings," grandsons, Erik, Andrew, and Jeffrey. She adored and supported each one as they grew to be fine young men. Her dream of becoming a great-grandmother came true in 2019 with the birth of Nathan William Zumbahlen.

Helga always enjoyed family gatherings, reading and doing crossword puzzles, an activity she passed along to her grandsons.

For years, when Dennis called her every night at 8:00 p.m. sharp, the first thing she always asked was "how are my darlings"?

She will be missed forever by her son, Dennis and his wife, Susan, three

grandsons, Erik Zumbahlen, Andrew & Mary Zumbahlen and precious great-grandson, Nathan William Zumbahlen, and Jeffrey & Katie Zumbahlen; and one brother, Helmuth Georing.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Helga will join her husband, Ed at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood at a later date.

Memorials in Helga's name may be made to Vitas Healthcare, 525 E. North Ave., Suite C, Bradley, IL 60915, who cared for her lovingly and compassionately in her final days.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Tribute Wall

SA

“ I have fond memories of Helga at the annual Christmas dinners. She was always a charming lady and a delightful to be with and she had lots of interesting stories. He family was the love of her life!!! We will miss her. May she rejoice in the happiness of heaven.

Sr. Agnes Ann - November 18, 2021 at 09:47 AM

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Thank you so much for your beautiful words. You are certainly right, she always had a story to tell!

Susan Zumbahlen - November 19, 2021 at 01:29 AM

CA

“ Dear Helga you will be missed so much. Will always have wonderful memories of growing up next door to you and Zump. So happy that I was able to talk with you by phone in the last few months. Rest In Peace and dance with the angels.



carol Martin Aman - November 17, 2021 at 02:28 PM

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Thank you Carol. She loved you girls!

Susan Zumbahlen - November 19, 2021 at 01:30 AM



“ Peaceful Reflections Luminous Garden Memorial Chime was purchased for the family of Helga Zumbahlen.



November 17, 2021 at 12:13 PM

BK

“ Rest easy my sweet friend. You were always one of my favorites at Heritage Woods. I always made sure to come hang out in your apartment. You always asked how I was doing and my girls. We shared the same birthday and I will forever be thinking of you on our day ❤️



Brianna Koskinas - November 17, 2021 at 10:22 AM

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thanks Brianna, she adored you!

Susan Zumbahlen - November 17, 2021 at 11:16 AM

CA

Was so saddened to read about Helga's passing. She was truly one of the sweetest people I knew. Loved hearing my mom's (Shirley Niedringhaus Alexander) stories from childhood days in Lincoln Estates. Missed her Christmas cards and notes. You're in good company!

Cheryl Alexander-Smith - August 15, 2022 at 08:03 PM

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“ Susan Zumbahlen lit a candle in memory of Helga Zumbahlen



Susan Zumbahlen - November 16, 2021 at 11:10 PM

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We will miss and love you forever...

Susan Zumbahlen - November 16, 2021 at 11:10 PM

JF

“ Jennifer Flegle lit a candle in memory of Helga Zumbahlen



Jennifer Flegle - November 16, 2021 at 09:15 AM

JF

I first met Helga when I worked at Heritage Woods as a CNA. She did the reading program with my youngest daughter at Heritage Woods when she was in kindergarten. My youngest daughter, now in 6th grade, still remembers Helga. Helga was the sweetest, kind and loving woman. She talked about her family and her husband all the time. I seen her again at Beecher Manor. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family.

Jennifer Flegle - November 16, 2021 at 09:23 AM

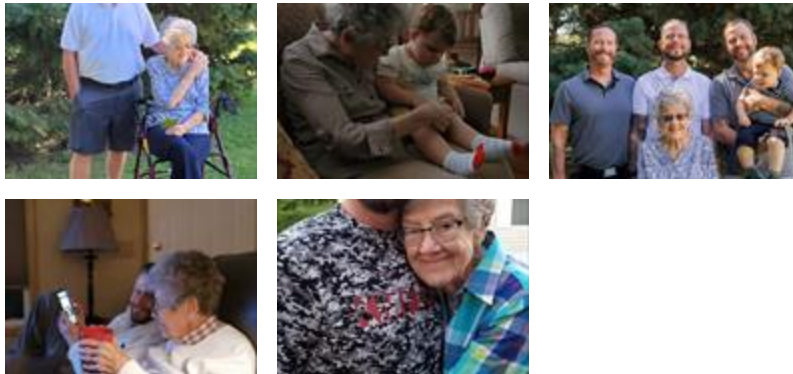
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Thank you Jennifer. We appreciate your kind words.

Susan Zumbahlen - November 16, 2021 at 11:05 PM



“ 5 files added to the album Helga Family



Katie Zumbahlen - November 15, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ Helga,



I will miss the sweet stories, constant flow of greeting cards for every occasion and of course listening to (most) phonecalls between you and your Peppy (Jeffrey). You were his Godmother, Grandmother and friend. My favorite call being New Years Eve 2019 when I think you had a little champagne at the Heritage Woods party and you were giggling like a school girl and so happy. I have so many memories and only a few short years I was blessed to know and love you.

Denny, Sue, E, A & J - We will keep her love alive through loving one another. Forever missed and eternally loved. - Katie

Katie Zumbahlen - November 15, 2021 at 06:29 PM

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Thank you Katie! This was a lovely tribute to a wonderful person. We will miss her forever.

Susan Zumbahlen - November 16, 2021 at 11:04 PM