



Helen Louise Dorn

February 9, 1934 - October 2, 2025

Helen Louise Dorn (née Hickman) passed away peacefully at her home in Long Grove on October 2, 2025, surrounded by her loved ones. Born in 1934, Helen attended Jefferson High School and graduated from Purdue University with a BS in Psychology. Helen met Jim, the love of her life, on a blind date in 1954 and they were married in 1956. She loved spending summers at her family cottage in Winamac, IN, fishing and floating down the Tippecanoe River on a lazy summer afternoon. In later years, she and Jim spent many happy years with family and friends at their vacation home, Folly Farm, in Southern Wisconsin. Over her lifetime, Helen pursued interests too numerous to count: gardening, music, books, movies, needlework, quilting, sports, and travel among them. Her faith and volunteer work were consistently at the forefront. Warm and kind, Helen had the amazing ability to make friends wherever she went, invariably remembering names and stories. She was able to find the good in everyone, and her sense of humor and adventure was infectious. But most of all, Helen was deeply dedicated to her family. She delighted in her 2 children, 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandsons and was always available for a chat or an offer of guidance - loving, nurturing and supporting them all throughout her life. After her beloved husband of 70 years passed on September 13th, 2025, it was clear that she wanted nothing more than to be beside him again.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Charles Wesley Hickman and Helen

Louise Keller, an infant brother, and her husband, James David Dorn.

Helen is survived by her 2 children, Elizabeth (Doug) Zwiener and David (Carrie) Dorn; 5 grandchildren, Kathleen (Chris Edwards) Zwiener, Brian James (Vanessa) Zwiener, Daniel Zwiener, Connor Dorn and Adam Dorn and 3 great grandchildren, Theodore, August & Harrison.

A visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by a funeral mass at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2025 at St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church, 236 US 45, Indian Creek, IL. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **9**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church
236 W. Hwy 45
Indian Creek, IL 60061

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ *My very best friend, how much I miss you already! You were the kindest, most respectful and most caring & compassionate person I knew. I learned so much from you. I know you are at peace now & endearing every Angel to your warmth 💖.*
Carol

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