



Helga Hester

June 11, 1938 - September 11, 2024

Helga Hester, 86, of Iuka, passed away Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital, in Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

She was born June 11, 1938, in Ludwigsfeld, Germany. She was the youngest of nine children born to George and Elizabeth (Houseman) Frank. On June 15, 1962, at Wiley Barracks Military Chapel in Neu-Ulm, West Germany, she married Charles C. Hester, and he preceded her in death on December 29, 2019.

She enjoyed gardening, and traveling the country, and with her husband, visited the vast majority of the United States National Parks.

Helga is survived by one son, Thomas Hester and wife Cheryl of Dix; one son-in-law, Bob Ratts of Iuka; three grandchildren, Justin Ratts and wife Amie of Alma, Jasmine Ratts of Iuka, and Brandy Karcher and husband Kurt of Dix; five great-grandchildren, Kaleb Ratts, Kalin Bass, and Zoey Ratts, all of Alma, and Ella and Kaitlyn Karcher of Dix; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Caroline Ratts; two step-sons, Gene Hester and Randy Hester; and her siblings.

Graveside funeral services for Mrs. Hester will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 14, 2024, at Iuka Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, September 13, 2024, at the Osborn Funeral Home in Dix, with a time of remembrance at 7:00 p.m. Memorial gifts may be made to the Iuka Cemetery, and will be accepted at the service, or by mail to the Osborn

Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on the funeral home's Facebook page.

Cemetery Details

Iuka Cemetery

Iuka, IL 62849

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Osborn Funeral Home
322 North Main Street
Dix, IL 62830
(618) 266-7231
office@osbornfuneral.com
<https://www.osbornfuneral.com>

Graveside Funeral Service

SEP 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

Iuka Cemetery
Iuka, IL 62849

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Helga Hester.* ”



September 13, 2024 at 11:16 AM



“ *Randy, Jan, Randa Vogt & Merz Employees planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helga Hester.* ”

Randy, Jan, Randa Vogt & Merz Employees - September 13, 2024 at 11:16 AM



“ *25 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Osborn Funeral Home - September 13, 2024 at 11:09 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Helga Hester.*



September 13, 2024 at 10:01 AM



“ *I remember back when I was dating Caroline and she was going to introduce me to her Mom. The first thing Helga asked me was 'when did you graduate'. I said 1973 and I could see her figuring up the years. She then said 'You're not a boy, you're a man'. Well even after all that and the 25 years I had with her daughter, she decided she liked me. She was the greatest mother-in-law a man could have. I'm gonna miss you 'MOM'.*

Bob Ratts - September 12, 2024 at 07:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Helga Hester.*



September 12, 2024 at 07:00 PM