



Helga Margot Jaekel

July 2, 1928 - April 7, 2018

Helga Margot Jaekel, 89, formerly of Madison, Wisconsin, passed away Saturday, April 7, 2018.

Memorial service will be held at 4:00 PM, Saturday April 14th, at Stolley Park Church of Christ in Grand Island. Burial of ashes will be in Sunset Memory Gardens at Madison, Wisconsin. All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

Helga was born July 2, 1928 in Germany, the only child of Fritz and Hedwig (Golz) Rosler. She was raised in Schlesien, a region of pre-World War II Germany which is now Poland.

As a teenager she suffered the turbulence of WW II Germany. There was mandatory participation in the indoctrination of the "Hitler Youth" organization. Toward the end of the war her father, a civilian, was suddenly snatched off the streets, sent to prison camp, and died there in 1946. After he was taken she never again saw the father whom she adored. Soon after the war Helga and her mother became refugees traveling from far eastern Germany to the west.

She met Helmut R. Jaekel around 1950 after he had been released from a Russian prison camp in the Crimea. They married and had an only child, Horst Helmut – later the name Danny was added.

They immigrated to Canada in 1955; then to the USA (Wisconsin) in 1961. Helga lived with her husband and child in the only house they ever purchased from 1964-2010 (Madison).

After her health began failing she lived in assisted living apartments and nursing homes in Minnesota, Missouri, Iowa, and Nebraska, each time relocating in order to be close to her son.

Her family's memories of her are bittersweet. In the course of conversation, she could say things which were quite humorous. Many found it interesting to listen to her stories about her early years. Her German accent drew attention – an accent she denied having the longer she lived in USA!

However, frequently she was unable to understand American culture and humor. Those who offended her were not kept in the dark about what she thought!

Helga's adult life was largely reclusive. Her dependence upon a very small number of people resulted in great unhappiness, though she did not understand it that way. She found some joy in the few people she allowed into her small circle, especially her son, and his family, as long as the small grandchildren sat quietly on the couch!

She expressed doubt about the existence of God. Nevertheless we, her family, are comforted in knowing the great kindness and mercy of the Father as expressed through the Son, Jesus Christ.

Those left to cherish her memory include her son and daughter-in-law, Danny and Patricia Jaekel of Grand Island; four grandchildren, Chris (Amy) Jaekel of Omaha, Heidi (Glenn) Dallmann of York, NE, Peter (Briana) Jaekel of Wilmar, MN and Paul (Alisa) Jaekel of York; and twelve great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Helmut, in 1999.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 14. 4:00 PM (CT)

Stolley Park Church of Christ
Grand Island, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Helga Margot Jaekel*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Dan, I'm guessing we went to school together at Marquette. My condolences on your mother's passing. She lived the life she was dealt to say the least! I wish you and your family happiness. God bless you. Tom Downs*

Tom Downs - August 08, 2018 at 09:57 PM



“ *Betty Powers of Monona, her son Paul and his wife Shari of Madison, would like to express their condolences. Betty was just recently wondering about Helga and where she was....if she was still alive. Betty had read that Mr. Fuller had passed recently and that prompted her to think of Helga. The obituary description of Helga, according to Betty, was very accurate. Betty and Helga did enjoy many years of friendship. Betty lost Philip and Keith two days apart in 2016.*

Shari Cnare - April 15, 2018 at 12:52 PM