



## Helen Elaine Bickett

July 18, 1933 - November 17, 2019

Princeton - Helen Elaine Bickett, 86, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 17 at her home in Princeton, IL, with her family at her side, after succumbing to a 17 month struggle with meningiomas (benign brain tumors).

Helen was born in New Bedford, IL, July 18, 1933 to Lloyd and Valpa (Krone) Spratt. She graduated from Princeton High School in 1951. She married the late Richard Bickett on Jan. 30, 1954, in Princeton.

She was a farmer's wife for more than 60 years. She also had several jobs over the years, including at General Electric in DeKalb, Sundstrand in LaSalle, Pioneer Hybrid, Harper Wyman, Citizens Bank, Illinois Valley Shopping News and Perry Memorial Hospital, in Princeton.

Helen was a member of United Methodist Church in Malden, as well as the Women of the Moose, Elks Lodge and Home Extension in Princeton. She was a founding and charter member of the Covered Bridge Quilters Guild.

She had a lovely voice, and sang at many weddings and funerals, various talent shows, the Princeton Community Choir, and a number of Homestead Festival plays. She also enjoyed writing poetry, prose and newspaper articles, quilting, drawing, and most importantly watching her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren grow.

Helen is survived by her children - daughters Kelly Bickett (Fred Kimberley) of rural Malden, Kris Ferrari (Tony Dye) of Princeton and Kani Bopes of Princeton, and son Kim (Deborah) Bickett of rural Princeton; her grandchildren - Alison Ferrari, Lauren Ferrari, Tyler Bickett, Kyle (Dana) Bickett, Larissa (Greg) Pinter, Zachary Bopes, Mason Kimberley, Vaughn Kimberley and Zia Kimberley; her great grandchildren - Garrett, Tessa, Cadience, Addilyn, Riley, Brynleigh, Levi and Waylon; her sisters - Leona Cadie of DeKalb and Verla Holder of Mesa, Arizona.

Preceded in death by her parents, and her husband Richard in 2007.

A visitation will be held for Helen on Friday, November 22, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments, Princeton.

Service will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 23, 2019 at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc & Monuments, officiated by Pastor Gary Brooks.

Memorials may be directed to United Methodist Church of Malden.

Online condolences may be left at [www.norbergfh.com](http://www.norbergfh.com)

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home Inc. & Monuments.

# Cemetery Details

## Elm Lawn Memorial Park

Knox St  
Princeton, IL 61356

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

RV

“ *I had the pleasure of taking care of Helen at the end. She was a wonderful women. She will be missed by many.*



Rhonda VanZuiden - November 22, 2019 at 12:22 PM

RK

“ *Helen was always such a kind gentle person who touched so many lives. She will be missed by all. Praying that her fond memories & her legacy of deep Faith help in comforting all of you at this difficult time.*

Renee Kasuba - November 21, 2019 at 10:51 PM

RK

“ *Renee Kasuba lit a candle in memory of Helen Elaine Bickett*



Renee Kasuba - November 21, 2019 at 10:47 PM

KA

“ *Love this woman.*



Kani - November 21, 2019 at 02:57 AM

CB

“ *My condolences to your family, Kelly.*

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**Christine Breed** - November 19, 2019 at 11:20 PM

JW

“ *Lovely lady - always smiling. She had lots of talents that she willingly shared*

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**Joyce Washer** - November 19, 2019 at 10:09 PM

PR

“ *Helen was my 1st cousin by marriage. She was always so kind and soft spoken. I remember my mom and Helen taking walks together (up the North road) years ago.  
I'm sure she's singing in the Heavenly choir and free from pain.  
You are all in my prayers and thoughts.*

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**Pam (Bickett) Richardson** - November 19, 2019 at 03:54 PM

DF

“ *I have many happy memories of staying at Helen's house when I was young. We rode Rusty and played in the hay mow and captured baby pigeons. Being a town kid it was wonderful to run wild on the farm. Dick and Helen always welcomed me and made my stay so exciting! Now you will join the others! Say hi for me. Rest In Peace Helen*

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**Dawn Fritsch** - November 19, 2019 at 03:21 PM

DH

“Helen was my first cousin. I am so sorry to hear of her passing, but at least she is at peace now. I enjoyed my visit with her this summer, when she was still very alert and able to converse. That is how I will remember her. I am sorry that I will not be able to attend visitation or services, as we are in Texas now for the winter.

*Darlene & Don Husser*

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**Darlene & Don Husser** - November 19, 2019 at 12:50 PM