



Helen E. Alter

March 5, 1914 - August 3, 2014

Helen E. Alter, 100-year-old resident of Rensselaer, passed away Sunday, August 3, 2014, at the Rensselaer Care Center, where she had lived for a short time. Helen was born in Rensselaer on March 5, 1914, the daughter of the late Walter L. and Sarah (Holmes) Smith. She lived most of her life in Rensselaer, grew up in Porter County and had lived in Torrance, California. Helen graduated from Hebron High School with the class of 1931, and went on to attend Minnesota Business College. She was a secretary for the Torrance Unified School District for twenty-one years, retiring in 1976. On December 25, 1939, at the Rosebud Church in Union Township, Jasper County, Indiana, Helen married Cecil E. "Zeke" Alter. Zeke preceded her in death on April 25, 1996. Helen and Zeke were the parents of three children, Barbara, Pattijo, and Jon.

Helen was active in many organizations and was a 70-year member of the Order of Eastern Star Evening Chapter. She was a longtime member of the Brushwood United Methodist Church, Rensselaer.

Surviving are her loving daughters, Barbara (James) France, Santa Rosa, California and Pattijo Fairbanks, Torrance, California, three grandchildren, Michael A. Leone, San Diego, California, Matthew T. Leone, Memphis, Tennessee and Leslie C. Murphy, Irvine, California, three great-grandchildren, Taylor Murphy, Irvine, California, Milan Leone, San Diego, California and Makenzie Leone, West Lafayette, Indiana and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Zeke, one son, Jon

Steven Alter, three sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services will be held at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer Saturday, August 9, 2014, at 11:00 A.M. Burial will follow at Weston Cemetery in Rensselaer. The family suggests memorials be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas, 66675.

Cemetery Details

Weston Cemetery

Weston Cemetery
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5626

Tribute Wall

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“ *Becky and I are so thankful that we were able to visit with Helen in the nursing home recently. I have many wonderful memories of Helen and Zeke, and my grandparents. Please accept our family's condolences. Even though we are not able to attend the services, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with your family. She will be missed!*

Trent Yeoman

Trent Yeoman - August 09, 2014 at 08:21 AM

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“ *Anita and Shaun purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Helen E. Alter.*



Anita and Shaun - August 08, 2014 at 07:12 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Helen E. Alter.*



August 05, 2014 at 07:20 PM

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“ *Dianne Tudor Oakley lit a candle in memory of Helen E. Alter*



Dianne Tudor Oakley - August 05, 2014 at 10:23 AM

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So sorry didn't get to Nursing home to see Helen, but had a wonderful visit with her a year ago. She was a wonderful lady so sorry for your loss. Your Dad & mine were the best of friends.

Dianne Tudor Oakley - August 05, 2014 at 10:24 AM