



## Helen Evelyn Barker

April 9, 1927 - March 28, 2024

Helen Evelyn Barker, aged 96, peacefully passed away on March 28, 2024, in DeMotte, Indiana. She was born on April 9, 1927, to Michael and MaryAnn (Ostrowski) Motkowicz. Helen entered into matrimony with her beloved Virgil Barker on July 20, 1945, in Calumet City, Illinois. Virgil preceded her in death on May 25, 2010.

A devout member of St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Helen's faith was a cornerstone of her life. She is survived by her loving children: Helen (Richard) Ford, Virnette "Winnie" (Joe) Van Schepen, Roberta (Craig) Brunton, Virlynn (Dan) Schroeder, and Virgil Jr. (Beth) Barker. Helen leaves behind a cherished legacy through her 12 grandchildren numerous great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and siblings John Motkowicz, Toni Skorch, and Anthony "Butch" Motkowicz.

Helen, a cherished soul, found joy in the simple pleasures of life. Her nimble fingers wove wonders through crocheting, and her kitchen was a realm of delectable delights, especially her homemade pierogi and dandelion wine. With a passion for literature, she delved into the realms of countless stories and unravelled mysteries in word search puzzles.

Her heart overflowed with love for her numerous grandchildren and great-

grandchildren, finding profound happiness in their laughter and presence.

Friends and family are invited to pay their respects at Jackson Funeral Service on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM, with a rosary service commencing at 6:00 PM. A Catholic Mass, to celebrate her life, will be held at St. Cecilia Catholic Church on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 11:00 AM, officiated by Father Michael McKinney. Following the Mass, she will be laid to rest at DeMotte Cemetery, where her spirit shall find eternal peace.

# Cemetery Details

## DeMotte Cemetery

790 8th Street, SE  
DeMotte, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 2. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte  
200 3rd Street, SW  
P.O. Box 681  
DeMotte, IN 46310  
(219) 987-5300  
info@jacksonfuneral.com  
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

## Rosary

APR 2. 6:00 PM (CT)

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200 3rd Street, SW  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

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APR 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Cecilia Catholic Church  
334 15th St SW  
DeMotte, IN 46310  
(219) 987-3511  
[saintcecilia@parish.dol-in.org](mailto:saintcecilia@parish.dol-in.org)  
<https://stceciliademotte.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen Evelyn Barker



Jackson Funeral Chapels - April 01, 2024 at 02:46 PM

EW

Dear Virgil, Beth and family. We are saddened to hear of the loss of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Loved the tribute slide show.

Ed & Linda Wallner - April 03, 2024 at 10:03 PM

TB

“ The Brunton's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Evelyn Barker.

The Brunton's - April 02, 2024 at 08:05 AM



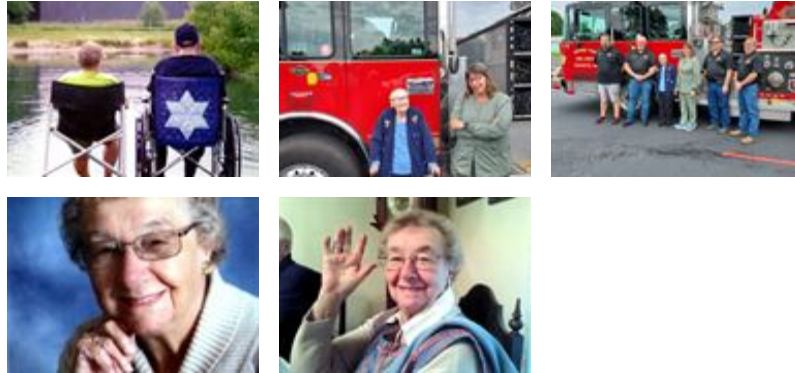
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Helen Evelyn Barker.



April 02, 2024 at 08:05 AM



“ 62 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - April 01, 2024 at 02:42 PM

KK

“ *Kuldeep Kehal purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Helen Evelyn Barker.*



Kuldeep Kehal - April 01, 2024 at 11:13 AM

EH

“ *Erin Hott-Ordziejewski purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Helen Evelyn Barker.*



Erin Hott-Ordziejewski - March 30, 2024 at 05:29 PM

DP

“ Doreen Payton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Evelyn Barker.

Doreen Payton - March 30, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Evelyn Barker.



March 30, 2024 at 12:35 PM

JJ

“ Joe David VanSchepen Jr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Evelyn Barker.

Joe David VanSchepen Jr - March 29, 2024 at 09:09 PM

JJ

“ Joe David VanSchepen Jr purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Helen Evelyn Barker.



Joe David VanSchepen Jr - March 29, 2024 at 09:09 PM

SP

“ *Sandra Potter purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Helen Evelyn Barker.*



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**Sandra Potter** - March 29, 2024 at 11:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Helen Evelyn Barker.*



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March 29, 2024 at 10:22 AM



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - March 29, 2024 at 10:16 AM