



## Helen M. Debner

August 6, 1935 - January 25, 2025

Helen Marie Debner, 89, passed away on January 25, 2025, at the Rehabilitation Center of Allison. Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., Sunday, February 2, 2025, at Woodley Funeral Home in Allison. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, February 3, 2025, at St. John's Lutheran Church - Vilmar in rural Greene. Helen will be laid to rest at the Vilmar Cemetery. Woodley Funeral Home of Allison is caring for Helen and her family.

Click here to join the live broadcast of Helen's service on Vilmar's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsVilmar/>)

She was born on August 6, 1935, in Tama County, Iowa, to Ed and Louise (Urhammer) Kubicek. After graduating from Nashua High School, Helen earned her degree from Allen Memorial Lutheran School of Nursing. She went on to serve as Registered Nurse at the Dumont and Greene care centers.

On August 16, 1957, Helen married Kenneth "Kenny" Debner. A cancer survivor herself, Helen was an ardent supporter of Relay for Life. She also served on the Allison-Bristow School Board. Helen was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church – Vilmar in Greene, Iowa, where she sang in the choir and was actively involved with WELCA (Women of the ELCA). She took great joy in gardening, canning peaches, baking cookies and bars, and making

applesauce for the annual potato pancake supper at Vilmar.

Helen enjoyed making patchwork quilts, sewing one for each grandchild, and eagerly anticipated the yearly fishing trips at Big Balsam Camp. These gatherings brought the entire family together for a week of fellowship, love, and the celebration of her birthday.

She is survived by her husband, Kenny Debner; her sons Steve (Lonna) Debner, Kent (Connie) Debner, Joel (Julie) Debner, and Mark (Brenda) Debner; grandchildren Daniel (Missy) Debner, Kristen (Nick) Messersmith, Eric Debner, Joe (Lacey) Debner, Suzy Debner, Courtney (Ian Mudd) Debner, Alex (Kendra Mallin) Debner, RaeLyn (Brandon) Iacobo, Abbie (Evan) Weaver, Ryan Debner, Rachel (Lorne) Reeves, Nathan Debner, and Matthew Debner; as well as seven great-grandchildren.

Helen's loving spirit, selfless dedication to others, and devotion to family will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

# Cemetery Details

## St. John's Lutheran Cemetery - Vilmar

16073 Keystone Ave  
Greene, IA 50636

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 2. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Allison - Woodley Funeral Home  
308 Birch Street  
Allison, IA 50602  
(319) 267-2507

## Service

FEB 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John's Lutheran Church - Vilmar  
16073 Keystone Ave  
Greene, IA 50636

# Tribute Wall



“ Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen M. Debner



Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory - January 30, 2025 at 03:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Helen M. Debner.

February 03, 2025 at 12:08 AM



“ Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Helen M. Debner.



February 03, 2025 at 12:08 AM



“ The Weaver Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Helen M. Debner.



The Weaver Family - January 31, 2025 at 10:39 AM

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“ Jim & Keith Bruns purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Helen M. Debner.



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Jim & Keith Bruns - January 28, 2025 at 07:58 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Helen M. Debner.



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January 28, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Helen M. Debner.

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January 28, 2025 at 12:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Helen M. Debner.



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January 28, 2025 at 12:51 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Helen M. Debner.*



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January 27, 2025 at 08:39 PM



“ *Helen and her husband Kenny were like second parents to me when I was in high school. Helen was always kind to me, and she always made me feel welcome when I visited the farm to hang out with Kent. (I loved Helen's cooking!). I remember that Helen and my mom planned a surprise open house for me when I graduated from high school. Helen never hesitated to put her faith in Christ into action!*

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**Ivan Helmus** - January 27, 2025 at 08:04 PM