



Helen Jecminek Leben

January 26, 2010 - January 26, 2010

Helen Jecminek Leben, 88, of Fort Collins, formerly of Holyoke, Colorado, went to meet her Lord on January 26, 2010. She was born in Watertown, South Dakota on October 1, 1921 to Reinhold and Molly Marker Litka. She lived at the Denver Home for Children from the age of 5 until the age of 15 when she was "hired out" to a family in Holyoke. She married Leonard Jecminek and five children were born to this union. He passed away in 1952. She then married Rex Leben in 1958 and celebrated 50 years of marriage before he passed away in 2008. Two more children were added to the family. Having grown up in an orphanage, she considered her children her greatest blessings. Helen spent her life taking care of her family and cooking incredible meals, cinnamon rolls, and desserts. She loved to sew and did it for her family and for many others. She even created entire wedding party ensembles including the bride's gown. She was very active in the church in Holyoke and contributed to her church in Fort Collins as much as she was able. She and Rex moved to Fort Collins in 1999 to be closer to children. Helen had an especially strong faith that saw her through her youth at the orphanage and through the years of raising 5 children by herself. God's strength shone through her and she was an incredible example for others, especially her children. She was preceded in death by husbands, Leonard Jecminek and Rex Leben; a sister, Dorothy Brown, brother-in-law, Ray Leben and sisters-in-law, Virginia Leben and Fern Mast. She is survived by her brother, David Litka; brother-in-law, Wayne Leben; sisters-in-law, Betty Brown Gene; Fay

Rockwell Gene, and Yvonne Wernet, Boyce. She is also survived by her children, Chuck Jecminek Sonja of Roanoke, Virginia; Al Jecminek Loraine of Oro Valley, Arizona, Gloria Lewis, Forest of Rochester New York, Dave Jecminek Susan of Loveland, Dan Jecminek Elaine of Greeley, Pam Kropp Fred of Fort Collins, and Ryan Leben Tina of China Grove, North Carolina, 22 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and numerous great-great grandchildren. The family extends their love and gratitude to the residents and staff of Turnberry Place Assisted Living, who in a very short time became a part of Mom's family. Funeral Services will be held Friday, 10:00 a.m., at Peace With Christ Lutheran Church, Fort Collins and a graveside service will be held 3:00 p.m. at the Holyoke Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Peace With Christ Emergency Family Fund, Peace With Christ Lutheran Church, 1412 West Swallow Road, Fort Collins, CO, 80526.

Tribute Wall

RH

“ *She will be missed very much!! I will never forget how wonderful she could bake and how beautifully she sewed! She was an amazing lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of her family. Love Russ and Regina Hiner*

Russ & Regina Hiner - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Ryan and Tina, So sorry to hear about your loss. I pray that God will comfort you with the wonderful memories of your Mother.*

April Freeze - January 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *Grandma, I am sorry that I cannot be there with family to "officially" say goodbye. You are and will always be in my heart, thoughts and prayers. Be one with God. Aloha, Beca*

Rebecca Kryszkiewicz - January 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RZ

“ *Dear Leben Clan, I do wish I could be there for Aunt Helen's goodbye. She was so special to so many of us as she was always doing for others. I often referred to her as my 'second mom' she has that big of a place in our hearts. May all the treasured memories keep her close to us and give you comfort. Her wonderful cinnimon rolls are one of my fondest. Rhonda Zoller*

Rhonda Zoller - January 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Tina & Ryan please know you are in my thoughts and prayers - reading her life she was a remarkable woman - have a safe trip home - God Bless you

Debbie Martin - January 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Hi Dan, I was sorry to read that your mother passed away. I know it is a difficult time for you and the family. It was nice that she was living close by so you could visit her. Take comfort in the fact that many thoughts and prayers are with all of you. You and Elaine take care.

Hal Sperber - January 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Ryan, Tina and Anna Just wanted to send you our love and let you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Love, Eric, Kim and Family

Kimberly Helms - January 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Dear Tina, I am so sorry about the loss of your mother-in-law. it is never easy to loose someone we love. We just have to trust that the Lord has a perfect plan for each of us, including the day we are born and the day we go home to be with Him in eternity. Please allow the Lord to comfort you. He will provide the peace you need through His love, grace and mercy. Take care of yourself and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Kathy

Kathy McDuffie - January 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM