

Helen Barnes



Helen Barnes died Wednesday, September 15, 1999, at her home, of ovarian cancer. She was born in the Medford area on August 28, 1939, to Elmer and Theresa Thieme. She graduated from Rib Lake High School as valedictorian. She later graduated from Taylor County Teacher's college and taught elementary school for two years in Rib Lake.

She married Bill Barnes in Rib Lake on December 25, 1960. They had two children, Bill and Susan. They moved to Eau Claire in 1972 and Helen and Bill have resided there since. Helen worked at Chippewa Valley Technical College in the Study Skills Center for twelve years. She belonged to the Wisconsin Vocational Association and University Women's Association.

She is survived by her husband, Bill, her son Bill and his wife, Cherise and their daughters, Rachel and Claire, residing in Lakeville, Minnesota; her daughter, Susan and her husband, Jerry, and their daughter, Maggie, residing in Scandinavia, WI; her parents, Elmer and Theresa Thieme; her brother, Harvey Thieme (Gwynne); brother-in-law, Norman Scheuer; brother, Jerry Thieme (Gail); sister, Mary Thieme Kauer (Ron); sister-in-law, Ruth Barnes Susmilch (Jack); brother-in-law, David Barnes (Bonnie); and sister-in-law, Laurie Barnes. She is further survived by numerous nieces and nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Patsy Thieme Scheuer; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Bill and Hermina Barnes; and brother-in-law, Dennis Barnes.

After cremation, a memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, September 19, 1999, at Fuller-Speckien Funeral Home. Family and friends are invited to Westgate Sportsman Club for a luncheon following the service.