



Helena Marie Fireck

May 21, 1931 - September 28, 2017

Helena Marie Fireck, age 86, of DeTour Village, Michigan, died Thursday, September 28, 2017, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. She was born May 21, 1931, in Goetzville, Michigan, to Frank John and Cecelia Sophia (Kott) Brenzie.

Helena grew up in Goetzville. She married Theodore Alexander Fireck in 1947 and they made their home in Goetzville. Helena owned and operated Fireck Upholstery for 40 years. Later she added ownership of the Goetzville Bar for 25 years, where everyone looked forward to her Frog Leg and Fish Fry Friday every week. Helena retired in 2004.

Helena was a member of the St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church in Goetzville and more recently, the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in DeTour Village.

Helena was an avid antique collector and dealer. She was a regular attendee of the auctions at Old McDonald's Auction Barn in Pickford for many years. She also enjoyed making jewelry. Helena loved the outdoors where she always cared for a large garden, hunted, and fished. She enjoyed racing snowmobiles which she did very well. In 1969, she was featured in an article in the "Michigan Outdoors" magazine, where her racing expertise was highlighted.

Helena is survived by one son, Roderick Fireck of Goetzville; one daughter, Reyne (David) Honkavaara of Goetzville; four grandchildren, Tricha (Chad Ballard) Fireck of Kinross, Michigan, Jamie (Shay Rader) Karppinen of Ishpeming, Michigan, Chad (Amy) Fireck of Guyton, Georgia, and Craig Fireck of Pickford, Michigan; three great grandchildren, Cheyenne Ballard, Ayden Fireck, and Kamdyn Fireck; and by her significant other, Ken Gates of DeTour Village. She is also survived by two sisters, Patricia Hughey of St. Ignace, Michigan, and Donna (Richard) Chapman of Goetzville; and one brother, Paul Brenzie of Petersburg, Virginia.

Helena was preceded in death by her son, James Fireck; husband, Theodore Fireck; and brothers, Joseph Peter Brenzie and John Francis Brenzie.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, October 3, from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford, Michigan.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday, October 4, at 11:00 A.M. at St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church in Goetzville.

Burial will be in St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Goetzville.

Cemetery Details

St. Stanislaus Cemetery

12841 E Traynor Road
Goetzville, MI 49736

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
24549 S. M-129
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Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church
12841 E Traynor Road
Goetzville, MI 49736

Tribute Wall



“ *Helena Marie Fireck*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Helena Marie Fireck*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Helena Marie Fireck*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Dear Family & Friends of Helena Fireck,*

Murray and I offer you our Deepest Sympathy on your loss. I used to work for Helena when she owned the Goetzville Grocery Store & Bar and enjoyed having her as a boss & friend. The Store & Bar was a family place for our little town. When we moved there after Murray retired from the Marine Corps, Murray and Donnie Stefanski formed a Rock & Roll Band, "Midnight Arrival" with several young people from Goetzville and DeTour. Helena hired them to play at the bar. They had some "Rockin Times".

Murray & I now live in Florida for our remaining days, but I do miss Goetzville.

Again, our Deepest Sympathy. Murray & Joni Bryant, Fort Myers, Florida

Joan Bryant - October 01, 2017 at 04:25 PM



“ *Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helena Marie Fireck.*



September 29, 2017 at 01:25 PM