



Helen M. Bator

April 2, 1927 - February 29, 2012

Helen M. (Rademacher) Bator

Helen (Rademacher) Bator, 84, passed away on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at her home in Moses Lake, her loving husband of 61 years at her side.

Helen was born in Yakima, WA on April 2, 1927 to Herbert and Thelma Rademacher as the second of seven children. She was raised in Tieton, WA and graduated from Highland High School in 1945. She graduated with high honors from Washington State College (WSC) where she excelled in leadership, scholarship, and extramural involvement. While at WSC, she had many diverse interests including field hockey, fencing, swimming, and ice skating. Her degree was in Physical Education. While attending WSC, she met Edward James Bator, and they married on August 19, 1950 at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Yakima. Both went on to teach in the Moses Lake school system. In 1951, they entered the Columbia Basin Project Farm Lottery, and their names were drawn for their choice of farmland. Since Ed had been recalled to the Korean War conflict, Helen selected Farm Unit 113 on upper Crab Creek as her choice, and she was presented with the "Golden Shovel Award" by the Moses Lake Chamber of Commerce. They homesteaded and raised their family on the farm, living there until the present.

Helen retired from teaching physical education and typing to raise their children. Helen was a faithful Christian with a heart that flowed abundantly with warmth and kindness. She was happiest working in her yard and garden and instilled this love of nature in her children and grandchildren. She

supported the success and growth of individuals and was very proud of her family's accomplishments. Her capacity to laugh, forgive, and seek optimism in every situation was a true testament to her spirit and determination, which she carried through to the end. She will be remembered forever as a rare beauty, an academic, and an athlete.

Helen is survived by her husband Edward J. Bator; sons Vincent (Terri) Bator of Warden, WA and Daniel (Laurie) Bator of Moses Lake, WA; grandchildren: Whitney (Kellan Kading) Bator of Seattle, WA; Zane and Deegan Bator of Moses Lake, WA; siblings: Pete Rademacher of Medina, Ohio; John (Margo) Rademacher of Phoenix, Arizona; Mary (Perry) Brown of Lopez Island, WA; Melba Strand of Tieton, WA; and Sharon (Preston) Brown of Yakima, WA. She was preceded in death by her sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Larry Gilbertson, sister-in-law, Margaret Rademacher and a brother-in-law, Adolph Strand.

Viewing will be held at Kayser's Chapel from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 7, 2012 and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, March 8, 2011. A "Celebration of Life" service will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 8, 2012 at Kayser's Chapel in Moses Lake. Private family burial will be held at the Washington State Veteran's Cemetery in Medical Lake, WA on Friday, March 9, 2012.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Visitation

MAR 8. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
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Service

MAR 8. 2:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Coach Bator and Family,*

I only learned of Helen's passing when reading Danny Toya's Obituary.

My brother Bill, Class of 54, and I feel so priviledged to have played for you and gotten to know Helen as a wonderful teacher and great supporter for Moses Lake Chief Baseball.

Our Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as time passes on.

Bobbie Jack Melson

Class of 1966##imported-begin##Bobbie Jack Melson##imported-end##

April 04, 2012 at 01:42 PM



“ Mrs. Bator was indeed a role-model for the students of MLHS. I was from MLHS Class of 55, and she was one of our class advisors. As our Girls' PE teacher, she taught us to be refined, graceful women. Girls' sports were very limited in those years - i.e., basketball half-court if you played certain positions). However, she taught us badminton, gymnastics, tumbling, trampoline, softball, relaxation techniques, golf, soccer, tennis, and made our PE classes enjoyable. She, along with other class advisors (Ms. Lorraine Bodine, Mr Sid Humphrey, Mr. Willard Benson) were always invited to our class reunions, and Mr and Mrs. Bator always attended. A beautiful, smart, vibrant woman. I still remember the health cleansing routine I learned from her as her aid for one PE class, and how to restring tennis and badminton racquets.##imported-begin##Jeanette (Ehlert) Enzler##imported-end##

March 21, 2012 at 01:55 PM



“ I think Dick Deane expressed it so well for all of us who were lucky enough to have had Mrs Bator for our P E classes. She was the all American girl and all American women. She will be greatly missed. My prayers are with the Bator family at this time. Joyce Crago Pleugh
Bonney Lake, WA##imported-begin##Joyce Pleugh##imported-end##

March 11, 2012 at 04:57 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to Coach Bator and the rest of the Bator family at this time of grief. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time of loss. May your fond memories of your wife and mother bring peace to your soul. God bless.##imported-begin##Rick Shelby##imported-end##

March 09, 2012 at 05:28 PM



“ Dear Mr Bator and Family;

I was so sadden to hear from my Mother of Mrs Bators passing. As a member of the Class of 58,I had the privilege to have her as a part of my life. In a time when girls role models were limited Mrs Bator was my idol. I so looked forward to PE and experiencing learning new sportsIEe Golf, tennis, and of course team work, all new to a girl growing up in Moses Lake. She made me believe I could be what ever I wished and made my future so much more than I could have ever believed it could be. I have spoke of her many times to many people. Mrs Bator made me a better women and I thank her daily for that gift.

*My heart goes out to all of you, as I know how you will miss her.
Peace and love*

Ethel Fuller##imported-begin##Ethel Fuller Peters##imported-end##

March 09, 2012 at 04:28 PM



“ To the Bator Family:

Mr. "Coach" Bator and Mrs. "Misses" Bator were my teacher and coaches in 1952---such great role models they were. You see, us kids all knew Mr. Bator's first name and would often refer to him as "Ed" behind his back, but at no time did anyone ever refer to Mrs. Bator as anything other than "Misses Bator." And that was all that needed to be said.

She was a Goddess walking the halls of MLHS, which is now Frontier Middle School on Third Avenue. Mrs. Bator was a very gracious, soft-spoken woman that led by her own personal example. She was only 10 years older than us, but she commanded the respect of both male and female students. When she spoke to you, she made you feel like you were the only student in the world and that she felt lucky to have the opportunity to converse with you. She brought culture to our school. Many, many young ladies followed her lead and emulated her style. Mrs. Bator was an outstanding athlete in her own right. She taught physical education to the all girl classes. She would have been a dynamic coach had Title 9 been in affect during those early years, but there was only G.R.A. (Girl's Recreational Activities) where they could only compete in rather low-skilled group sports.

Only as I later returned to Moses Lake where I taught and coached alongside the Bator Team was I able to totally confirm my early findings and beliefs that Mrs. Bator was truly an ICON well before her time.

Heaven will now become a little brighter and the angels will stand a little taller because an angel from earth has made her presence with them.

I give thanks to Mrs. Bator for her presence in our lives and the cheerful smile that she shared with us all.

Dick Deane, Moses Lake###imported-begin###Dick Deane###imported-end###

March 07, 2012 at 10:54 PM



“ *What a privilege to have known and worked with Helen. She was a special lady. We have such fond memories of the fun times with you two in our early days in Moses Lake. Please know our love and prayers are with you.*

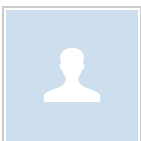
*Jim and Carol##imported-begin##Jim and Carol
Adamson##imported-end##*

March 07, 2012 at 07:12 PM



“ *Uncle Ed, Vince and Terri. Danny and Laurie and entire family I am so sorry to have heard of Aunt Helen's death. There was no one sweeter than Aunt Helen as you all know. Such a beautiful lady inside and out . I will keep all of you in my prayers and remember your wife and Mom as the perfect "Lady" she was. Do take care of one another and know she's at peace and watching over each of us. Unable to make it over for the services due to my health issues but' know I will be with each of you in my heart. The hugs will come from Pat and Steve. Please take care of yourselves and one another. Do keep us posted and know we all here for you##imported-begin##Barbara Burden##imported-end##*

March 07, 2012 at 06:44 PM



“ *Coach & Vince,*

I am so sorry to learn about the passing of your wife and mother. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Bator family at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Abe Shelby##imported-end##

March 07, 2012 at 12:34 PM



“ Dear Mr. Bator, his family and friends ... We are touched by the beautiful and heartfelt dedication that you have here on "Kaysers" for your sweet and gifted, Helen. Thanks for all of your commitments to make Block 40, our columbia Basin and Moses lake Schools a better place for all of us spending our 'formative' years in your zone of influence. My you all be blessed during the process of saying: Farewell for now." And how true it really is that helen has slipped into another room in the experience of life. Ed.. you will see, enjoy, love and spend your Eternity with your best friend and companion.. your Helen. Sincerely your friends, David and Alice Oman... Utah##imported-begin##David Miles Oman##imported-end##

March 07, 2012 at 10:37 AM



“ Dear Friends/Neighbors-
So sorry for your loss. Helen was such a vibrant personality and so enthusiastic about life! Mom and I were just discussing how she used to walk across the creek to have tea with my Grandfather: Stanton Allen. Wow times have changed! She will be remembered fondly.
Sincerely, Pam Rathbone, Winnie Post, Glenn Post and Patricia Drake.##imported-begin##Post Family##imported-end##

March 06, 2012 at 10:01 PM



“ Helen was an amazing woman. It will be wonderful to reunite with her one day in heaven. I'm sure she is singing praises to her Lord right now!##imported-begin##Karen (Sandberg) Wilson##imported-end##

March 05, 2012 at 04:01 PM



“ *I was very saddened to learn of Helen's passing this morning. Another strong member of the family dynasty is gone now. Please send my best thoughts to all the family. Bob and Judy Nelson, Everett. Mina Raakastaan Sinua###imported-begin##Bob Nelson###imported-end##*

March 05, 2012 at 01:46 PM