



# Helen Elaine Vandermark

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**H**elen Elaine Vandermark, age 76, of Seymour, passed away Saturday, February 21, 2026, at Research Medical Center in Kansas City.

Helen was born on October 7, 1949, the daughter of Clarence and Erma (Morgan) Smith. Helen graduated from Seymour High School and continued her education at Indian Hills Community College, where she earned her associate's degree. On August 4, 1967, she was united in marriage to Kenneth Vandermark. To this union, six children were born, Connie, Teresa, Brenda, Kenneth, William, and Rose.

A woman of remarkable dedication, Helen took great pride in her work. She spent 20 years employed at Rubbermaid and later devoted 22 years to Hill Phoenix before retiring at the age of 72. Her strong work ethic and reliability earned the respect of coworkers and friends alike.

Outside of her career, Helen found joy in life's simple pleasures. She was an enthusiastic Bingo player who loved the thrill of the game and the camaraderie it brought. Evenings often found her enjoying her favorite game shows, cheering on football teams, or gathered around a table playing cards. Above all else, Helen treasured time spent with her family and friends, creating memories filled with laughter, warmth, and love. She was the glue to the family, and was the reason everyone got together for the holidays.

Left to cherish Helen's memory are her children, Brenda Barrell, Kenneth "Cisco" (Josie) Vandermark, William "Poncho" Vandermark and Rose Vandermark-Martin; her sons-in-law, Clovie Coffman Sr. and Charlie Baugh; her grandchildren, Clovie Coffman Jr., Robbie (Brittany) Vandermark, Amanda (Todd) Leavitt, Katrina Baugh, Hunter Barrell, Holly (Cody) Barrell-Hagberg, Luke Vandermark, Molly Vandermark, Dustin Vandermark, Kendall Leavitt, Lacey Martin and Teagan Martin; her siblings, Mary Ellen (Richard) Small, Jane (Paul) Christian, and John (Peggy) Smith; as well as several great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family members.



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Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Vandermark in 1988; two daughters, Connie Coffman and Teresa Baugh; and her brother, Robert (Carolyn) Smith.

Per wishes, cremation has been accorded, and there will be no services at this time. Friends are welcome to join the family for a potluck memorial dinner that will be held on Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 1:00PM at the Seymour Community Center. The family has asked that everyone bring something to share. Burial next to her husband Ken, will be held at Highland Cemetery in Mystic at a later date. Memorials may be made to Brenda Barrell, to be designated at a later date, and may be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home, ATTN: Vandermark Family, 501 North 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at [www.thomasfh.com](http://www.thomasfh.com) or [www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome) .





# Events


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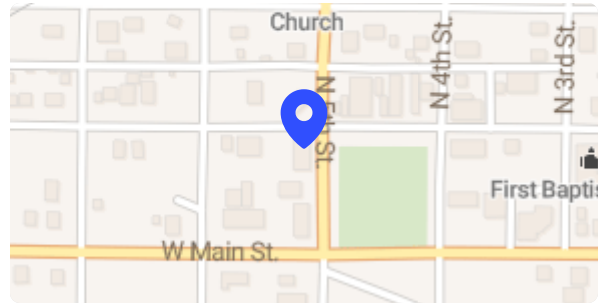
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## Potluck Dinner

 **Sunday**, March 1, 2026

 1:00 PM CT

 **Seymour Community Center**  
135 N 5th St, Seymour IA 52590





# Tribute Wall

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**Ashley Boyce** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Me at 13 in mom's old house. Sweet memories...

February 26 at 6:41 PM



**The Hagbergs** sent a Sacred Blessings Blue & White to the Vandermark family.

February 26 at 9:07 AM



**Ashley Boyce** posted:

I met this wonderful woman when I was 11 years old. She treated me just like I was her own. She was more of a mother to me than my own and I will be forever grateful to be a part of this family. She loved big and hard and family was the most important thing to her. She is so loved and will be missed so very much! Love you mom, Your Hillbilly ❤️

February 24 at 9:03 PM



**Lynn Whitacre** posted:

I loved working with Helen at Hillphoenix especially when we found out we were related on the Morgan side!!! Prayers for the family!!

February 24 at 7:55 PM



**Kathy Kaster** posted:

I really loved working with Helen at Barker's, she was a good person and was always willing to give a hand when she could!

February 24 at 5:47 PM



**Shirley Cormeny** posted:

My condolences sent to Helen's family and friends, she was a devoted mom to her children, hard worker, and enjoyed the happiness around her. She will be missed

February 24 at 12:47 PM



# Media

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Helen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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