



## Helen Raus

April 9, 2009

Helen Craib (Walker) Raus, 90, of Howlett Hill, passed away at home on Thursday, April 9th. She was born in Nicholson, PA on June 27, 1918, the 3rd child of Lewis and Jeannie (Mearns) Walker. Always full of life and ready to help anyone who crossed her path, Helen made everyone feel comfortable and at home. Helen was a very giving person taking care of a number of family members and friends when in need. She graduated from Camillus High School. An avid homemaker all her life, she enjoyed cooking, baking, sewing, knitting, crocheting, tatting and gardening. Helen and her husband were Family Care Providers for the CNYDSO (Central New York Developmental Services Office) for a disabled young man whom lived with their family for 17 ½ years until his death in 1992. Her husband, William J. Raus predeceased her in 1988 and a son, Daniel died in 1975. Helen is survived by her three children, William J.(Loretta) Raus of Essex, NY, Jean H. (William) Finizio and Joyce A.(Thomas) Becker both of Howlett Hill. She had ten grandchildren; Barbara Briggs, Brenda Quinlan, James Raus, William Raus, Laraine Rapple, Elaine MacIntosh, William Finizio Jr., Beth Chernoff, Suzanne Rake, Julie Ann Becker; 15 great grandchildren, Ryan MacIntosh, Dylan MacIntosh, Kyra Jean MacIntosh, Liam MacIntosh, Hayden MacIntosh, Kyle Briggs, Aimee Briggs, Roger Quinlan, Cecelia Quinlan, Julia Quinlan, Matthew Quinlan, Jesse Raus, Michael Raus, Tyler Chernoff, Delia Chernoff; nephews, John Michael Walker (Mick), James Walker, Lewis Walker Jr.; nieces, Nancy Swiech, Judy Normand, Janet Francis. Family, friends and neighbors may attend her calling

hours from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at B.L. Bush and Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee St., Camillus. Her funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with burial to follow in Maplewood Cemetery, Camillus. Helen requested that contributions be made to the CNYDSO Friends Acct. in care of the CNYDSO located at 800 South Wilbur Ave, Syracuse, NY 13204. Please sign her guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“Helen came into our lives when her daughter, Joyce married our son Tom. We often stayed in her home when we visited our family in New York. Helen always made us feel welcome. Her baking skills were obvious, as there was always pies, cakes or cookies to enjoy. In the evening we often gathered around her table to enjoy good conversation and a cup of hot tea. Wonderful memories. We loved her and will miss her.

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**Ivan & Dorothy Becker** - April 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“Aunt Helen was an inspiration to me. I marveled at her ability to care for others so unselfishly. She taught me much about forgiveness and the importance of relationships. I will miss her but rejoice that she is home with the Lord.

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**Judy Normand** - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM