

Helen Byam Schwamborn

August 8, 1904 - July 22, 2004

Helen went to sleep, in her home, and woke up with her Savior, Jesus Christ and in the arms of her beloved husband Henry.

Helen leaves behind her son Dale and daughter-in-law Susan of Chino Hills, California. She has many nieces, and nephews and was proud of being "GG", a great, great aunt to many.

Helen Byam Schwamborn had a wonderful journey. She was born and educated in Baker, Oregon. She resided in Bakersfield since 1948.

Her's was a visual journey from horse and buggy to space travel; party telephones to the World Wide Web. Slate tablets to computers.

Helen had a high profile. She worked for the Director of the Red Cross at Camp Pendleton; the Chief Probation Officer of Kern County; and for Wally Byam founder of Airstream. Wally was her first cousin.

With Wally, she organized the Wally Byam Caravan Club in 1955. With Helen in charge the club grew and is still the most prestigious recreational vehicle club in the world. Her responsibilities included the club, and planning Airstream Caravans hither and there, writing and editing club and company newspapers, and leading Caravans. She was also a Director on the Airstream Corporate Board. She retired in 1979 at the age of 75.

Her travels included over 71 nations on six continents.

Her volunteer work with the Pioneer Village, the Guild House, Salvation Army and shut-ins is legend. She was a person of great charity, and humanity.

Bridge was a passion. She played bridge several times a week with a group of friends over a forty-year period.

She lived life with positive thinking, humor and love. She was a friend to all and could be counted on to listen, advise and just to be there when needed.

She definitely loved her son "mucher".

There will be two memorial services.

August 7, 2004, Saturday at, 10:00 A.M. at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, CA.

August 14, 2004, Saturday at, 10:00 A.M. in Bakersfield, at a private residence at 12529 Cliff Avenue Bakersfield, CA, call 1-661-631-2036 for driving instructions.

Private interment at the Crystal Cathedral.

In lieu of flowers you may make donations to the SPCA 3000 Gibson Street, Bakersfield, CA 93308.