

If Sunflowers Grow In Heaven

If sunflowers grown in Heaven Lord  
Please pick a bunch for me.  
Place them in my mother's arms  
and tell her they're from me.  
Tell her that I love and miss her  
and when they turn to smile,  
Place a kiss upon her cheek,  
and hold them for awhile.  
Because remembering her is easy,  
I do it every day.  
But there is an ache within my heart,  
that will never go away.

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*In Remembrance of*



*Helen Bernadine Ritchey*  
*1941-2024*

Helen Bernadine Ritchey was born on March 10, 1941, to Frank Eddie and Ida Helen Cucina in Panama. She attended school in Galveston, Texas where she was a graduate of Galveston High School. Later, she met her husband, Franklin Louis "Frank" Ritchey. They married April 11, 1987, in Newport, Oregon and together they owned and operated a Dairy Queen. Helen was a member of the Catholic Church.

Helen had a gift of flower gardening and preferred to grow her favorite sunflowers. She was an avid reader of Steven King and if she did not have one of his, she would settle for a good mystery novel. In between books you could see her doing a cross-stitch project or indulging in her love for travel, especially all over the world. Helen passed way peacefully on Saturday, June 22, 2024, in Mangum, Oklahoma.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Ida; and a sister, Francis Cucina. She is survived by her husband of 37 years, Frank; son, Kevin Gerhart; and daughter, Kathy Cotner-Thornton; four grandchildren, Dustin and Cassy Gerhart and Tobin and Brady Baker; and one brother, Rick Cucina.

## *Helen Bernadine Ritchey*

*March 10, 1941 - June 22, 2024*

Graveside Service

2:00 PM

Friday, June 28, 2024

Blair City Cemetery

Blair, Oklahoma

