



## Christine Sue Earnhart Helm

May 16, 1951 - April 11, 2026

IN MEMORY OF:

Christine Sue Earnhart Helm

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – DONGOLA

106 NW Front Street, Dongola, Illinois

Christine Sue Earnhart Helm passed away on April 11, 2026 at Deaconess Hospital in Marion, Illinois at the age of 74.

Born Christine Sue Earnhart of Dongola, she lived a life centered on learning, family, friendship, and fun.

She graduated from Century High School in 1969 and went on to Southern Illinois University to obtain a degree in Special Education. Upon completing her degree, she proudly spent the entirety of her career as an educator working at Century Unit School District #100. She would humorously remark, "I only left for four years to go to college." She was proud to have been named Teacher of the Year in 1979-1980.

Christine loved to read and “philosophize,” garden, spend time with her loved ones, and seek out adventure. Christine found a special joy as the NaNa to her grandsons, “The Bryceman” and “Henry James.”

She is survived by her daughter, Dr. Paige Helm Maginel and her husband, John Paul Maginel and their sons Bryce Massey and Henry Maginel; her brother Kenton Earnhart and his wife Beverly; her beloved nephews Dr. John Van Earnhart and his wife Stacy Earnhart, and Justin Earnhart and his wife Lori Earnhart, all of Dongola, IL. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Jennifer Flowers of Austin, Texas, and nieces Adrienne (Brett) Jacobsen of Atlanta, Georgia, and Alison (Greg) Blake of Austin, Texas. She has great nieces and a nephew including Alyssa, Lauren and Nicole Earnhart, Will and Presley Blake, and Cate and Claire Jacobsen.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Helm; her parents, Van and Eileen Earnhart; and her sister and brother in law, Carolyn and Don Treece. Since Jim’s passing, her primary desire has been to reunite with him and the rest of her family that went before her.

After Jim passed, there were many friends that called and assisted and they are too many to mention. But, those she spent most of her physical time with were Deena Reichert and Roger Kerley. She looked forward to her steady visits from her nephew John Van. She also enjoyed her days with her great canine companions Molly, Reiko and Gambler.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 15 at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola with her beloved nephew, Dr. John Van Earnhart officiating. Friends may call from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 with the funeral beginning at 1:30.

Interment will follow the service at St. John’s Cemetery in Dongola.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Southern Illinois.

Crain Funeral Home in Dongola is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## St. John's Cemetery

St Johns Rd  
Dongola, IL 62926

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 15. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Dongola  
106 NW Front St.  
Dongola, IL 62926  
866-592-7246  
crain@crainsonline.com

## Funeral Service

APR 15. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Dongola  
106 NW Front St.  
Dongola, IL 62926  
866-592-7246  
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## Interment

APR 15. 2:15 PM - 2:45 PM (cst)

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Dongola, IL 62926

# Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christine Sue Earnhart Helm.* ”



April 14 at 07:31 PM



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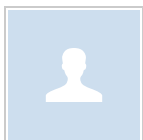
April 14 at 03:05 PM



“ *From Niece and Big Man (Calee and Marco) purchased the Angel's Embrace Bouquet for the family of Christine Sue Earnhart Helm.* ”



**From Niece and Big Man (Calee and Marco) - April 14 at 11:41 AM**



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christine Sue Earnhart Helm.* ”



April 14 at 10:39 AM

DW

“ To Mrs. Christine Helm Family, What amazing teacher and friend.. I, always remember she would say to me "You got it My Friend" ... And "My Friend I, Got It"! Because of You I, will be graduating and heading into Nursing School in the near future! Heaven Gain An Amazing Teacher and Angel! Until We Meet Again!!! I, love You My Friend! Love Your Student Deanna Wartenbe

Deanna Wartenbe - April 13 at 10:11 PM

JT

“ Paige and family we are so sorry for your loss you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Joey Thurston & Family

Joey Thurston - April 13 at 09:14 PM

DK

“ Donald and Linda Kerr purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Christine Sue Earnhart Helm.



Donald and Linda Kerr - April 13 at 04:06 PM

RF

“ Rick Ellis and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Christine Sue Earnhart Helm.



Rick Ellis and family - April 13 at 03:24 PM

NN

“ We have the most wonderful memories of Christine that we will hold in our hearts forever.

Nick & Kay Niestrath - April 13 at 03:13 PM



“ "Angel" Glitter lantern was purchased for the family of Christine Sue Earnhart Helm.



April 13 at 03:07 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Christine Sue Earnhart Helm.



April 13 at 11:58 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christine Sue Earnhart Helm.



April 13 at 08:25 AM

VJ

“ We talked often over facebook. Oh boy how i loved her dearly. But she knew bc i called her and told her. My heart goes out to her family.

Vicki Knupp Jenkins - April 13 at 07:01 AM



“ Mrs. Helm will always be a Century favorite. Love and prayers to her family



Shanna Pittman - April 12 at 09:35 PM

AH

“ Sadly I will be out of the state on Wednesday I will miss her telling me that she was praying for me because of my corny jokes that I knew she loved I did try to help her after her hero died because I had been through a loss a few months before, letting her know she had hundreds of people that she had influenced, and they all cared for her Fly high my friend, I know you have found your hero again , and I hope you are dancing to Elvis

Allen Holden - April 12 at 09:01 PM

ST

“ Sheree Fahlberg and sons Zach and Todd. purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Christine Sue Earnhart Helm.



Sheree Fahlberg and sons Zach and Todd. - April 12 at 08:43 PM

LM

“ *Larry and Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Christine Helm*



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**Larry and Carolyn McGill** - April 12 at 08:36 PM