



## Alice Helms Hallett

August 28, 1942 - June 26, 2011

Alice Faye Helms Hallett, age 68 of Bloomington passed away Sunday morning June 26, 2011 at IU Health Bloomington Hospital. She was born August 28, 1942 in Linton, Indiana to Otis and Marjorie Terrell Helms. Alice was a graduate of Bloomfield High School and graduated summa cum laude from St. Mary of the Woods College with a BS in Business Management and a minor in Computer Information Systems. Alice first went to work with the Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane Division in 1960. After taking time out to raise a family she was then employed at Bloomfield State Bank and subsequently returned to Crane as a Computer Specialist from which she retired. Upon retirement she was contracted as a System Software Engineer in support of the United States Navy. Alice was a member of the Bloomfield First Baptist Church, and thoroughly enjoyed time with her family, discussions of science, grammar and current affairs. Alice leaves behind her husband Denny M. Hallett of Bloomington; son Jeffrey H. Van Deventer and his wife Bonnie J. of Bloomfield; daughter Julia F. Van Deventer Cook and her husband Jonathan of Bloomington; son Kenneth O. Koch of Missoula, Montana; grandchildren Ian G., Tyler B., and Krysta M. Van Deventer, Allyson, Madison, and Kimberly Cook, and Aaron and Alisha Norris, four great grandchildren, and a brother, Marvin K. Helms and his wife Lela of Bloomfield. Alice was preceded in death by her

parents. A gathering of friends and family to pay tribute to Alice's life will be held Thursday June 30, 2011 at the Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37 from 5:00PM until 8:00PM. In lieu of flowers the family has requested that memorial contributions may be made in Alice's honor to the LSUHSC Foundation Carcinoid Research Fund at [www.ochsner.org/programs/neuroendocrine\\_tumor\\_program/](http://www.ochsner.org/programs/neuroendocrine_tumor_program/). Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org).

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ Denny, Jeff, Julie and Ken: Paul and I extend our sincere condolences in the death of my very dear friend Alice. Alice and I were friends at Bloomfield High and spent many sleep-over times together. Even though I moved away from Bloomfield after we graduated, we kept contact and I would visit with Alice on every occasion possible. The internet enabled us to have cyberspace visits as well. I was able to visit during good times and bad in her courageous battle with cancer and marveled at her strength and faith. I am glad that she and Denny had the time together that they did. Am thankful that a precious last visit with her was when we sat together at our 50th reunion dinner. She looked so lovely that night and it is a memory I will cherish forever. I count myself blessed that this very special woman was a part of my life. Alice, you will be missed.

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**Ann Blackmore Key** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

GG

“ To the family of Alice Hallett. We are so sorry to hear about Alice. As you all know, she was a wonderful person. Alice was such a gracious person -- never saying anything negative about anyone. She made a positive impact on all that knew her - a true angel! May God comfort and bless you all. May the fond memories of Alice ease your pain.  
Please accept our sincere condolences.

*Cousin Gayle and Family*

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**Gayle (Helms) Gedrich** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

RI

“ Alice was my cousin from Indiana. I remember her since my childhood going back to Bloomfield visiting family with my father, Albert Terrell as a child. I remember she was always nice to me that I do remember. She came to California a few times for work and visited with me in San Francisco and we toured the bay area as family. I kept in touch with her occasionally through the years. I always will have place for her in my heart.

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**Rich Terrell** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

IR

“ Denny,

*Alice was a beautiful and gracious woman. Your loving and devoted relationship is an inspiration to others. May God bless you and your family during your time of mourning, Irene*

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**Irene Stockton** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

JJ

“ Julie-Kenny and families--what a kind wonderful lady your mother was. Thinking of you all in this time of sadness. Cherish your memories-they will last forever.

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**Jeff & Joyce McIntyre** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

SA

“ *Expressing sympathy is always difficult, but all I can say is how sorry I am. May you be comforted in knowing caring thoughts are with you. Your heart is broken and joy will leak out for a season, but God heals broken hearts.*

*On days when you can laugh, you will. On days when you can speak of your loved one, you will share your memories. Her memory lives on in our hearts.*

*Blessings, Sarah*

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**sarah gwyn** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

NE

“ *Denny, No one who new Alice could ever forget here charm and warmth. When one spouse leaves a loving partnership, it is always to soon. Rita and I wish to express our deepest sympathy.*

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**Neil Ward** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

LA

“ *To the family of Alice Helms Hallett:*

*Please accept my deepest sympathies on the passing of Alice. We were close friends from elementary thru highschool, unfortunately we lost contact after highschool, Alice did contact me re: 50th year reunion for Bloomfield Highschool, class of 1960. I regret that circumstances did not allow my attendanc at that reunion. I am truly sorry that she and I did not re-kindle our friendship. She was a great person and will be missed by all that she touched.*

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**Larry Chaney** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

BA

“ From my observation, Alice was a devoted daughter, a marvelous mom, and a wonderful wife. From my personal experience, she was a faithful friend. As an example to us all, she was courageous and undaunted as a cancer fighter. I will miss her so much.

*For Denny: I remember in one of those stupid emails about your favorite things that Alice said that her favorite sound was your voice. She loved you so much!*

*For Jeff: Alice loved you, Bonnie, your children and grandchildren, but I don't have to tell you that. She was always concerned for your health and was proud of what you were doing to take care of yourself.*

*For Julie: Your mom was so crazy about your girls – well, you and Jon, too. I know you were so close that this will be an empty spot for a long time.*

*For Kenny: You've been hit so hard with your dad's passing and your mom's. She would have spared you both losses if she could.*

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**Barbara Terry** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

MI

“ My heart goes out to the whole family. I didn't know Alice, but knew she was a fighter when it came to cancer. May the family find peace knowing she is in an happy place.

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**Mickie Leibacher** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

JE

“ Im so sorry to hear about your loss Jeff. Alice was a good person to be around and i know she loved seeing Landon. If you need any thing at all please let me know. Jenny Michael

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**jennifer michael** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

SO

“ Denny, Jeff, Julie and Kenny. I am so sorry for your loss. Alice was a great person. I got to know her through work at Crane. She always had a smile on her face and a great personality. She fought a long, hard battle. She will be sadly missed. May God bless you and be with you during this time of need. Sondra Arvin

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**Sondra Arvin** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

MA

“ Julie and family:

*I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

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**Marcia Ranard-Waldrup** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

PA

“ Alice was a wonderful woman. I worked with her for several years at Crane. I was blessed that I got to know her. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time.

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**Paula Potts** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

DL

“ Dear Jeff and Julie, Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Your mother was such a sweet, kind person. I remember her beautiful smile. May the Lord comfort you and your families at this time. Love, Debbie

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**Debbie VanDeventer Luther** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

JM

“ *As with all things of this nature, time will initially heal the wound of loss; but the memory, love, and essence of those gone before us carry us through the days until we meet with them again on the other side and that wound is finally sealed. Denny, I feel as a friend that you should know that my family is here to support you in what fashion you may need, do not hesitate to simply pick up the phone or shoot an email to us to assist or simply talk. Our condolences are extended to you and your family.*

*Jim, Michelle, Christopher, and Isabelle*

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**Jim and Michelle Hamric** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

SH

“ *Denny and family,  
So sorry for your loss. I know Alice has fought a long hard battle. It is so hard to see your loved ones suffer. You and her children are in my prayers.*

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**Sherry Hixon** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

NC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Alice's passing. She was a classy lady with a big heart. I was a Tri Kappa sorority sister and also shared First Baptist Church Bloomfield with her. One of my favorite memories of her is the first time I met her - I was visiting Bloomfield First Baptist Church with my older son, who was about 4 at the time (we're talking almost 26 years ago). I was pretty nervous - new church, trying to keep a small child quiet. She and her youngest son were sitting in the row behind me. About 1/2 way through the service my son started getting antsy. The next thing I knew, a tap on the shoulder led to a smile from Alice and a shared toy from her son. That act of kindness - to a stranger - meant so much to me! She made me feel welcome and accepted. And I think it summarizes the Alice I knew - always reaching out to others in kindness and compassion. Her faith and kindness have stayed with me all these years, and when I see a small child at church getting antsy, I have a tendency to reach into my purse to pull out a small toy to share, along with a smile. Alice, you led by example, without even knowing it. I'm sure heaven rejoices in your being there.

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**Nancy Cummings** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

LS

“ So very sorry to hear of Alice's death. We were bus mates and school mates both at Wildcat Elementary School and Bloomfield High School. I always enjoyed talking and playing with Alice throughout our school years. She was a beautiful, intelligent woman and always had a smile for everyone. I know she will be missed. My heart goes out to the family. With deepest sympathy, Linda Sheehan

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**Linda (Chaney) Sheehan** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

KR

“ Jeff, Julie, and Kenny,  
We are so sorry for the loss of your dear mother. She was always  
such a ray of sunshine. We are thinking of you and all of your family.  
Take care. Ro and Kendall

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**Kendall and Rowena Lankford** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

KE

“ Jeff, Julia, Kenny, and family of Alice,  
Alice was such a wonderful person. I knew and worked with Alice  
many years ago at Crane when she was a computer specialist. She  
was such a pleasant person always, and a good example to all. My  
life is better having known her. I am so sorry for your great loss.  
May God comfort you.

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**Kelly Anderson** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

NA

“ Jeff, Julie and Kenny,  
Your Mother was always a very pretty, super nice & pleasant person  
with encouraging words for all. I never saw her that she didn't have  
a smile. I know that you will miss her dearly. She will live on in your  
heart and mind with all the great memories.  
Your Mother was such a cancer fighter & a great role model for a  
cancer patients.  
It is so hard to understand why nice caring people have to endure  
so much illness.  
God Bless you and watch over you during this time of sadness.

*Nancy Brinson*

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**Nancy Brinson** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

MK

“ *What a wonderful lady, our daughter-in-law, Alice; who we've come to know and love. We are deeply saddened to have lost her way too soon. Our times together have been fun and special. Alice had a most positive attitude, and a fun laugh.....such a pleasure to be with her.*

*Our heart aches for Denny as well as Jeff, Julie and Kenny and the grandchildren whom she loved also. What a loving, thoughtful person.*

*Denny's parents, Marilyn and Ken*

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**Marilyn & Ken Hallett** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

JE

“ *Alice was a great woman. She will be truly missed. She was a joy to work with, travel with and to talk too. May God be with the family and give you peace.*

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**Jennifer Brock** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

CK

“ *We are so sorry for the loss of your mother. She was such a beautiful lady inside and out. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Casey and Jason Keller** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

LJ

“ Alice was a wonderful person and friend. I worked with her and many years ago she and I played some golf together in Bloomington. She fought a hard battle for many years and I know she will be missed by her many friends in IN and elsewhere. I wish comfort and peace for the family.

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**Laura J. Hollingshead** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

DA

“ Nancy and I are both very sorry to hear of your loss Denny. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. If there is anything that I can do to help, please let me know.

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**David Whorrall** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM