

Who's Who In The Pew



Helen Quickel grew up at the Lutheran Tressler Orphan's Home in Loysville, PA and graduated with the class of 1941. Sam Quickel was also a resident at Tressler and although Helen knew of Sam, she never really got to know him while at Tressler. The girls and boys at Tressler were given responsibilities beyond their classroom studies. Helen tended to the nursery children and very much enjoyed taking the children for walks because Tressler was located in the rolling hills surrounding Loysville. Helen was on the girls' basketball team and played the guard position. Helen and other students at Tressler attended church at a chapel on campus until turning 13 at which time they walked to the Lutheran Church in Loysville each Sunday to attend services. During summers, the students attended Camp Nawakwa. Read more about the Lutheran Tressler Orphan's Home Here:

<https://www.diakon.org/about-us/history/historical-overview/>

Following graduation, Helen moved to Baltimore to live with her sister Grace and their aunt. Sam served in the Navy during WWII and they met during a Tressler reunion after Sam returned home after the war. Sam was living in York and was working for the Pennsylvania Railroad. They moved to North York after getting married. "I really liked the fact that we were within walking distance from St. Peter's Church and had lots of friendly neighbors."

Helen loved deepening friendships as a member of St. Peter's legendary kitchen crew. Helen was an outstanding cook. One of her specialties is crab cakes that were free of any shell pieces! Sunday dinners at home were a family highlight after attending services. One of my first meals with the Quickel family was strawberry shortcake, which I assumed would be dessert. Wrong! That *was* the meal.

Helen & Sam had three children: Lois Yates; Gene (Butch) Quickel; and Jan Botterbusch. Their children, as well as grandchildren, continued the tradition of attending Camp Nawakwa:

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/nawakwa/>

Helen first worked for White Castle Burgers after moving to Baltimore, then for an insurance company doing clerical work, and then the shipyards during the war as a typist. When the war was over, the job was eliminated, and Helen obtained a job with the phone company. After marrying Sam and moving to York, Helen decided to take a work hiatus while raising the children. She returned to work when Jan started first grade working for GTE. Her job was to assign new phone numbers – chances are she gave you your existing land-line phone number!

Volunteer work included York County Area Agency on Aging and the York County Courthouse.

Helen moved to Sprenkle Village from North Duke street in 2009 and now resides at SpiriTrust Lutheran on Kelly Drive.

WWITP is written so that we can get to know our fellow parishioners a bit better and intended to foster conversations that go beyond hello and goodbye on Sundays. YiC, Dave Yates