



Helga Jost McDaniel

January 16, 1940 - July 21, 2025

Helga McDaniel, lovingly known to all as “Omi”, passed away peacefully at the age of 85, leaving behind a legacy of love, strength, and unforgettable potato salad. Born in Germany in 1940 as Helga Jost, she carried her heritage with pride throughout her life, making her home in the United States, where she built both a family and a career.

Helga owned and operated several beauty shops over the years. Her passion for her craft was matched only by her ability to bring laughter to everyone who sat in her chair. Through decades of work, she created not just hairstyles, but lasting friendships.

Helga was married to the love of her life, Charles “Opi” McDaniel, who preceded her in death in 2014. Together, they shared a deep bond and built a family filled with warmth, resilience, and tradition.

She is survived by her devoted daughter Irene (Perry) Bivens, her granddaughter Jennifer (Scott) Dewald, her grandson Ryan Bivens, her eight beloved great grandchildren (Aubrey, Eli, Ava, Connor, Sawyer, Riley, Sophia, Silas), her brother Horst (Imgard) Jost, and her niece Karin Maier, each of whom brought her tremendous joy and pride. She will always be remembered for her vibrant personality and German traditions. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2025, at 10:00 AM at the Sweetwater Memorial Park with Rev. Richard Tallent officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are requested to First Baptist Church “Finish The

Vision” campaign 303 Wright Street Sweetwater, TN 37874.

Kyker Funeral Home in Sweetwater is honored to serve the McDaniel Family.

Cemetery Details

Sweetwater Memorial Park

1838 Hwy 11 N
Sweetwater, TN 37874

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 26. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Helga Jost McDaniel.* ”



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“ *She was my wonderful neighbor for over 40 years and a real blessing to our neighborhood. She will be sorely missed as her late husband, Mac, has been for these many years. Heartfelt condolences to her family.* ”

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“ *Danny Isbill lit a candle in memory of Helga Jost McDaniel* ”



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“ *So sorry for your loss! Deepest condolences!* ”

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“ *She always had a beautiful smile and even when we were doing Physical Therapy at the same time, she looked like a model! She was always so lovely and kind. My sincere condolences to Irene and family.*

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