



**Christa E. Heckman**

**Dec. 22, 1929 - Feb. 1, 2016**

Christa E. Heckman, 86, of San Benito, passed away Monday, February 1, 2016, in her residence at Fun N Sun. She is preceded in death by her husband, Albert Heckman. They retired to Texas in 1996.

Christa often told stories of her life growing up in Germany and the rise to power of Adolph Hitler. Then, as a result of WWII, the Russians took over her German village and Christa was left with one suitcase and the possessions that fit in it. She met her future husband, Albert, and in the 1950s they obtained sponsors -- a man and his three grown sons -- in the U.S. so they could emigrate there. Albert had a masters degree in agriculture and they bought a farm in Anna, IL. Both Christa and Albert had tractors and they did all the work themselves. They had no children. Her stories were interesting and at times spell binding. She would talk for as long as you would listen.

After Albert had a stroke, they retired to Texas, where Christa cared for him until he died. Christa was a very capable and strong lady. She loved swimming and bike riding and enjoyed roses and flowers of all kinds. A generous person, she befriended others, especially those who worked for her. Lucy Arellano and Paula Zuniga were her devoted companions.

Left to cherish her memories are: The Luchs Family, Klein Family, Schroder Family, many nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews,

cousins and many loved friends.

Her funeral will be held in Germany at a later date. You may sign the online guestbook and send words of comfort, flowers, or sympathy cards to the family of Christa E. Heckman at: [www.thomaegarza.com](http://www.thomaegarza.com).