

*H*elen Layman, age 86, of Newell, died Monday, December 24, at the Newell Good Samaritan Center.

Helen Victoria Kellander was born on March 2, 1921 to Harold and Victoria (Freeburg) Kellander in Alta, Iowa. She attended grade school at Alta and graduated from Alta High School in 1940. Following graduation, Helen attended Nursing School at the Methodist Hospital in Sioux City where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing.



On October 7, 1943, Helen was united in marriage to Dean R. Layman. The couple was blessed with two children: Rick and Vicki.

Helen was an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Eastern Star, the Newell United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women's group.

During her life, Helen worked as a nurse in the Newell and Storm Lake areas. She later worked as a postal clerk in Newell. In her retirement, Helen and Dean traveled together.

Helen will be remembered as a woman with a positive outgoing attitude, who never met a stranger. She found much enjoyment in life, as evidenced by her love of family and friends. Additionally, Helen loved reading books and cooking. She loved flowers, whether they were at her home or at the nursing home.

Those left to cherish her memory include her son, Reverend Rick Layman of Shell Rock, Iowa; her daughter, Vicki Medici of Newell; grandchildren: Troy Medici of Newell, Heather Layman of Shell Rock and Jennifer Layman of Cincinnati, Ohio; great-granddaughter Micaiah; sister, Irene Mobley of Hampton, Virginia; extended family and many friends.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Victoria Kellander and her beloved husband, Dean.



## *In Loving Memory*



**Helen V. Layman**

1921 — 2007



## Christmas In Heaven

I've had my first Christmas in heaven, a glorious, wonderful day!  
I stood with the saints of the ages, who found Christ the truth and the way.

I sang with the heavenly choir: Just think! I who longed so to sing!  
And oh, what celestial music we brought to our Savior and King.

We sang the glad songs of redemption, how Jesus to Bethlehem came.  
And how they had called his name Jesus, that all might be saved through his name.

We sang once again with the angels, the song they sang that blest morn,  
When shepherds first heard the glad story that Jesus, the Savior, was born.

Oh darling, I wish you had been here; no Christmas on earth could compare  
With all the rapture and glory we witnessed in heaven so fair.

You know how I always loved Christmas, it seemed such a wonderful day,  
With all of my loved ones around me, the children so happy and gay.

Yes, now I can see why I loved it, and oh, what a joy it will be  
When you and my loved ones are with me to share in the glories I see.

So dear ones on earth, here's my greeting; look up till the day dawn appears.  
And oh, what a Christmas awaits us beyond all our partings and tears.

~ author unknown

*W*e wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced  
in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this  
service. Please join us for lunch and a time of sharing at the church  
immediately following the service.



*Helen's Family*

## IN MEMORY OF

*Helen V. Layman*

March 2, 1921 — December 24, 2007

### FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, December 27, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

United Methodist Church

Newell, Iowa

### CLERGY

Reverend David Schumann

### ORGANIST

Coleen Baughman

### SOLOIST

Krista Sexton

"Hymn Of Promise"

### CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Hark, The Herald Angels Sing"

"It Is Well With My Soul"

### CASKET BEARERS

Jason Ballou, Mike Sexton, Troy Medici

### INURNMENT

Newell Cemetery

At A Later Date



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