



Helen Bosley

November 18, 1933 - September 27, 2023

Helen Bosley, age 89, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at Methodist Manor in Storm Lake.

Funeral Mass will take place Monday, October 2, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the St. Mary's Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation will be held Sunday, October 1, 2023 from 4-7:00 p.m. with a Prayer Vigil at 6:30 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Helen Ann Connell was born on a farm northwest of Storm Lake on November 18, 1933 the oldest daughter of Clarence and Mary Connell.

She attended high school at St. Mary's and graduated in a class of 12 in 1951. During her HS years, she babysat, worked at the Root Beer stand, Horse Shoe Grill and Boyce's Cream Station on Saturday's. While working at Boyce's Station she met Ernie Bosley while he was home on leave from the navy.

After graduation she worked at JC Penney's in several departments. She and Ernie were married at St. Mary's Church on June 16, 1952. Together they made their home in Storm Lake. They had 6 children: Kenny, Mike, Kathy,

Mary, Tom & Teresa. After her children were all in school and she had more “free time”, she started work at Hoffman’s. After 5 years Marion & Russ Hoffman offered to sell her the shop. On August 15, 1972 Helen purchased the flower and candle shop. She owned the shop for over 50 years and loved every minute of it. Over the years, she had a lot of help from her family. Many family members and friends got their first “real job” at Hoffman’s.

Among many of her accomplishments, while on the board of SL Chamber of Commerce, Helen became the first female President of the Chamber Board. In 2002, she was the Business Person of the year, 2006 she received Chamber Involvement of the year with the prized award, Scrooge Contest Winner. Helen was active in raising money and working with other business owners to put lights on the downtown buildings, which are still maintained today. She helped raise the money to purchase flags that are displayed around Storm Lake. Helen loved Santa’s Castle and was an active board member for this, working fundraisers, donating countless hours of her time. She was an active member and an officer of St. Mary’s Auxiliary Guild and Catholic Daughters of America.

After 64 years of marriage, on September 24, 2016, her beloved Ernie passed away. In 2017, Helen moved to Methodist Manor where she made many great memories with old and new friends. Those left to cherish her memory are children: Ken (Johanna) Bosley - Abita Springs, LA; Mike Bosley - Aurelia, Iowa; Kathy Mummert - Storm Lake, Iowa; Mary (Ed) Larsen - Storm Lake, Iowa; Tom (Jodi) Bosley - Sioux City, Iowa; Teresa (Rick) Siewert - Perryton, Texas; Brother - Dan (Linda) Connell - Storm Lake, Iowa; Sister - Dorothy Hammer - Hamden CT. Grandchildren: Christa Furden of Abita Springs, LA; Chad (Melissa) Bosley of Chicago, IL; Julie (Brian) Miller of Storm Lake, Iowa; Sarah (Mike) Bartling of Storm Lake, Iowa; Katie (Colby) Smith of Lacona, Iowa; Molly (Nathan) Hippen of Iowa Falls, Iowa; Halie (Bryan) Larsen Siefker of Des Moines, Iowa; Braden (Meredith) Bosley of Des Moines, Iowa; Beau

Bosley of Sioux City, Iowa; Jennifer (Justin) Buendia of Amarillo, Texas; Cameron (Will) Siewert of Santa Fe New Mexico; Caroline Siewert of Los Angeles, California. Great grandchildren: Abigail Bosley; Keegan, Kennadie and Kale Miller; Emery, Billie, Brooke and Mary Stella Smith; Holden, Hadlie and Huxten Hippen; Landon and Case Buendia. Along with many cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernie, her parents Mary and Clarence Connell, In-laws, Claude and Opal Bosley and her granddaughter Heidi Mummert.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

1238 600th St.
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Prayer Vigil

OCT 1. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

OCT 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca Street
Storm Lake, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen Bosley*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - September 30, 2023 at 06:23 PM

TH

*Your hearts ache and sadness as you miss your mother. May her memory comfort you in the days ahead.
Your friend Tammy*

Tammy Hartsfield - October 01, 2023 at 01:04 PM

RM

“ *To the Bosley family - you are in my thoughts and prayers ~ Rich Merten*



Richard Merten - October 09, 2023 at 12:24 PM

JW

“ *Joan Whitney lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley*



Joan Whitney - October 03, 2023 at 08:39 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - October 02, 2023 at 12:26 PM

LS

“ My mother, Mary Dick (née Schmidt), and Helen were lifelong friends. Of course, Mom “drug” us along to all her visits with Helen, whether at the Flower shop or at home. We always had a great time and I know Mom (now deceased) counted Helen as one of her best friends. Our condolences to all of her family.

Linda Sullivan - October 02, 2023 at 11:19 AM

SL

“ Sue Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley



Sue Lloyd - October 01, 2023 at 06:42 PM

SC

“ Sharron Culbertson lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley



Sharron Culbertson - September 30, 2023 at 08:30 PM

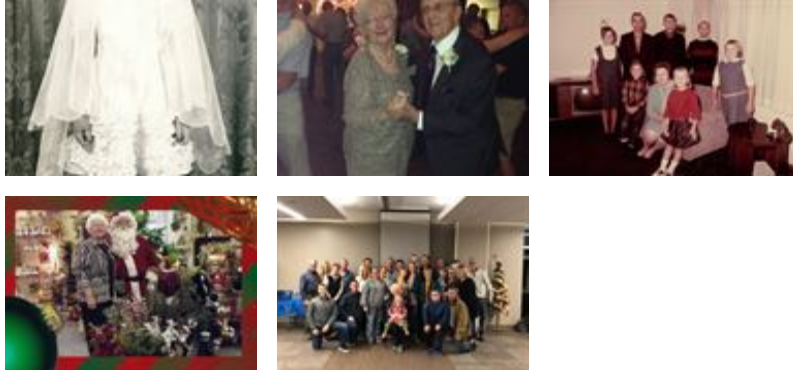
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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - September 30, 2023 at 07:07 PM



“ 153 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - September 30, 2023 at 06:19 PM

SC

“ Sharron Culbertson lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley



Sharron Culbertson - September 30, 2023 at 11:57 AM



“ Sorry for your loss.

David Ewoldt - September 30, 2023 at 06:38 AM

SC

“ *Sharron Culbertson lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley*



Sharron Culbertson - September 29, 2023 at 08:25 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Bosley.*



September 29, 2023 at 07:22 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Bosley.*



September 29, 2023 at 06:30 PM



“ *She was quite the lady. Sympathy and prayers to the family.*



Sally Rassler - September 29, 2023 at 06:14 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Helen Bosley.*



September 29, 2023 at 05:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Helen Bosley.

September 29, 2023 at 05:17 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Helen Bosley.*



September 29, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ *Our sincere sympathy to the Bosley family. So enjoyed visits at the store and at the manor. A beautiful and gifted lady. Stan and Bonnie Kirkholm*

bonnie kirkholm - September 29, 2023 at 02:03 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Bosley.*



September 29, 2023 at 12:18 PM



“ *I did all my flower business with Helen and she and her husband were my friends . I am sorry for her loss as Helen was a good lady. Prayers to all her family.*

Loreen Moneypenny - September 29, 2023 at 11:17 AM



“ *Loreen Moneypenny lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley*



Loreen Moneypenny - September 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Peg Anderson lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley*



Peg Anderson - September 29, 2023 at 10:55 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Bosley.



September 29, 2023 at 08:50 AM



“ Karla Gary Pickhinke lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley



Karla & Gary Pickhinke - September 28, 2023 at 11:06 PM



“ Our condolences to the Bosley family. She was loved by so many good people. She is now at peace, free from her earthly ailments. Sending prayers to the entire family.



Kevin & Julie McKinney

Julie McKinney - September 28, 2023 at 10:13 PM



“ Jo Fulks lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley



Jo Fulks - September 28, 2023 at 08:58 PM

SK

“ Shirley Kelley lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley



Shirley Kelley - September 28, 2023 at 08:24 PM

LS

“ Leanne and Ron Siewert purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Helen Bosley.



Leanne and Ron Siewert - September 28, 2023 at 06:12 PM

LS

“ Leanne and Ron Siewert planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Bosley.

Leanne and Ron Siewert - September 28, 2023 at 06:12 PM

MI

“ MichelleSchaefer lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley



MichelleSchaefer - September 28, 2023 at 05:27 PM

PG

“ HELEN WAS A WONDERFUL LADY. SHE IS NOW IN A BETTER PLACE, NO MORE SUFFERING. SHE NOW IS WITH ERNIE. MAY SHE RIP. PRAYERS FOR ALL HER FAMILY.

LOVE, PEACE & JOY, LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE & ALL FAMILY

PATTY GUNVILLE - September 28, 2023 at 01:53 PM

SM

“ Steph Sharon Mickelson lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley



Steph & Sharon Mickelson - September 28, 2023 at 01:36 PM

MJ

“ Mike Shelly Jensen sent a virtual gift in memory of Helen Bosley



Mike and Shelly Jensen - September 28, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Helen Bosley.

September 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Bosley.*



September 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Lana Crilly lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley*



Lana Crilly - September 28, 2023 at 12:11 PM



“ *Vicki Ulven lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley*



Vicki Ulven - September 28, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Dear Bosley family-I met Helen when I moved to Storm Lake in 1985. She was always so kind and genuinely happy! My treasured memories include coffee at Mullally's with her, Mary Kestel and Teenie Smith and Gwynn. I will keep you and those who loved Helen in my prayers.*



Laura Hahn Hanna - September 28, 2023 at 11:24 AM

LF

“ *Lucille Fitsenry lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley*




Lucille Fitsenry - September 28, 2023 at 11:24 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Bosley.*



September 28, 2023 at 10:35 AM

 Terra Sheehan-Sievers

“ *Terra Sheehan-Sievers lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley*



Terra Sheehan-Sievers - September 28, 2023 at 10:20 AM

BR

“ *Bev Reis lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley*



Bev Reis - September 28, 2023 at 10:09 AM

NM

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Helen. She was an important part of the community for many years. I was greeted by name by Helen & her daughters everytime I walked in the door of the flower shop. Great family.



Nancy (Neuroth) Miller - September 28, 2023 at 09:58 AM

BW

“ bobbie wise lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley



bobbie wise - September 28, 2023 at 09:46 AM

DM

“ Dave, Logan & Jenna Merten lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley



Dave, Deb, Logan & Jenna Merten - September 28, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Helen Bosley.



September 28, 2023 at 09:25 AM

TK

“ Terry and lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley



Terry and Kim - September 28, 2023 at 09:18 AM

OS

“ Very fond memories of Helen, was always glad to see you when visiting the flower shop, had the best smile, seemed like she was always having the best day of her life!!!!

Oatman Steven - September 28, 2023 at 09:09 AM

JD

“ John Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley



John and Connie Demers - September 28, 2023 at 07:58 AM

WT

“ Wilbur/Karen Triplett sent a virtual gift in memory of Helen Bosley



Wilbur/Karen Triplett - September 28, 2023 at 07:46 AM

GB

“ Gene Pat Barnett lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley



Gene and Pat Barnett - September 28, 2023 at 06:08 AM

JE

“ Prayers to the entire family!!!! From the time I was 2 yrs old I knew Helen!!!! Ended up employed by her at Hoffmans and what a wonderful experience!!!! A extremely special person!!!! I will miss her!!!!



jane Shafer Else - September 27, 2023 at 10:55 PM

GC

“ Grace Casson lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley



Grace Neuroth Casson - September 27, 2023 at 10:17 PM

WL

“ Wendy Lemke lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley



Wendy Lemke - September 27, 2023 at 09:12 PM

JC

“ *Jeff/Jean Chindlund lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley*



Jeff/Jean Chindlund - September 27, 2023 at 06:30 PM

KH

“ *Katie Herzog lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley*



Katie Herzog - September 27, 2023 at 06:23 PM



“ *Jen Launderville lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley*



Jen Launderville - September 27, 2023 at 05:42 PM

PF

“ *Peg Flynn lit a candle in memory of Helen Bosley*



Peg Flynn - September 27, 2023 at 05:31 PM

TD

I will always be thankful for the apprenticeship Helen guided our daughter through at the flower shop when she was studying at Kirkwood Community College. It was a special outreach that helped a young designer begin her career. I'm sure there are many more stories out there of the generosity of this successful lady.

Terry Davenport - September 28, 2023 at 11:23 AM

TP

to the Helen Bosley she will be miss Thomas prchal family what a great women she will be miss

tom prchal - September 28, 2023 at 07:42 PM