



## Helen Frances Kuyper

March 22, 1920 - September 24, 2014

Helen F. Kuyper, age 94, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Private graveside services will be held at the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Helen Frances Johnson was born on March 22, 1920 in Emmetsburg, Iowa, the daughter of Arthur and Mae (Phelps) Johnson.

On September 20, 1945 Helen was united in marriage to Arnold R. "Shorty" Kuyper at Bethany Lutheran Church parsonage in Emmetsburg, Iowa. Together they were blessed with four daughters: Barbara, Betsy, Kim, and Vicki.

Helen spent her early years teaching in country schools. She then stayed home to raise her daughters. After the family moved to Storm Lake in 1959, Helen substitute taught in the Storm Lake public schools. She also looked after children at Storm Lake's Gingerbread House for many years where she was affectionately known as "Grandma Helen".

Most of all, Helen dearly loved her family. She will be remembered as a caring

wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her daughters: Barbara (Kem) Petersen; Betsy (Bob) Thompson; Kim Janssen; Vicki (Gary) Bonnett; grandchildren: Kodi (Matt) Brotherson; Travis (Jordan) Petersen and their daughter, Piper; Sarah (Ryan) Mellen and their children: Caleb and Jayna; Michael (Laura) Janssen; David Janssen; Rebecca (Matt) Carlson; Bobby Bonnett; Elizabeth Bonnett; sisters, Betty (LeRoy) Kunz and Eileen Buzzell; extended family and friends.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Arnold "Shorty" Kuyper; two brothers; and son-in-law, Tom Janssen.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I, too, am a daughter of Doris Quam, who Helen befriended after mom and dad moved to Willow Ridge in Emmetsburg. It was comforting after the death of my dad to know that mom and Helen were as good of friends as they were. I knew that someone was there for her to talk to, to laugh with, and just to check in on her so that she was not too lonely. Such an amazingly compassionate and supportive lady. I'm so glad they knew each other! I'm sure she'll be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Kristen Quam Heutinck

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**Kristen G. Heutinck** - September 30, 2014 at 06:01 PM

JS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Helen's family. Helen was a dear lady and so much fun. I got to know her when she became a good friend to my mom, Doris Quam when they lived in Willow Ridge in Emmetsburg. Those two had a great time together. She will be missed by so many. Jill Quam Scruby

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**jill scruby** - September 30, 2014 at 03:01 PM

RS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Helen's family. Barb and family, you are remembered especially during this time of special remembrance. God bless. Randy and Marilyn Schmitt

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**Randy and Marilyn Schmitt** - September 26, 2014 at 07:56 AM

BS

“ *Babich Goldman PC, Attorneys & Staff purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Helen Frances Kuyper.*



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**Babich Goldman PC, Attorneys & Staff** - September 25, 2014  
at 10:45 AM

CD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I'm so glad that I got to visit with Helen this summer. May the special memories you have help you through this difficult time.*

*John and Connie Demers*

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**Connie (Swenson) Demers** - September 25, 2014 at 09:21 AM

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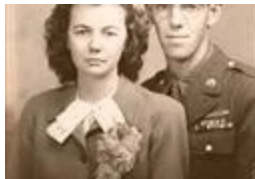


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**bobbetsythompson** - September 24, 2014 at 09:03 PM

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**bobbetsythompson** - September 24, 2014 at 08:21 PM

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**Betsy** - September 24, 2014 at 07:57 PM