



## Helen L. Langner

January 29, 1928 - May 16, 2019

Helen L. Langner, age 91, of Storm Lake, Iowa passed on to heaven at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake on Thursday, May 16, 2019.

Funeral services will be held Monday, May 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be at a later date. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the CHURCH. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Helen was born January 29, 1928 to Ralph and Edna (Hodges) Sheffield in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Helen graduated from Storm Lake High School in 1945 and attended Cornell College and Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Sioux City.

Helen was united in marriage to Gladwyn Langner on Aug. 8th, 1948 in the Methodist Church at South Sioux City, NE.

To this union five sons were born. Later Helen and Gladwyn welcomed into their home a Korean orphan daughter until she moved to Hope Haven in Rock Valley, IA.

Helen lived her life farming with Gladwyn in the Storm Lake and Schaller area until retiring to Storm Lake in 1984. They celebrated their 62nd anniversary in August 2010.

Helen enjoyed reading, classical music, quilting, knitting, cross stitch, baking cookies for the boys, jigsaw puzzles & sports. Go Cubs!

She was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church, ladies circle member, funeral committee member and sang in the church choir. She was also a 70+ year member of PEO chapter EP-NL.

Those left to cherish her memory are her sons: Michael (Diane) Ankeny, IA; Mark (Deborah), Early, IA; Merle, Jefferson, IA; Marshall (Jane) Knoxville, IA; daughter Mary Jo, Rock Valley, IA; and sister-in-law, Ruth Sheffield, Midland, MI.

Grandchildren: Amy (Patty) Connelly; Eric (Kara); Brian (Stephanie); Robert; Keri (Josh) Woodard; Joseph; Jeff (Lisa), Ashley (Alex) Baker, Jeremy (Becky), Sara (Cory) Glover; Tim.

Great grandchildren: Courtney, Christopher, Corrine, Luke, Zane, Trevor, Rylee, Prestin, Mykensie, Landon, Konner, Mathew, Cole, Reeve.

Helen is preceded in death by husband, Gladwyn, son Morris Ronald, grandson William Paul, parents Ralph and Edna Sheffield, brothers Gordon & Paul, sister Ruth, sister-in-law Dorothy, brother-in-law Glenn Cunningham.

Helen has donated her body to science for study at Des Moines University.

A special thank you to Sue Geisinger for her dedicated assistance over the years.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church -- Storm Lake  
211 East 3rd Street  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

## Service

MAY 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

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211 East 3rd Street  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Tribute Wall

NH

“ I send my deepest sympathy to Helen and her family. My mother, Esther Bardole, was her oldest "Sheffield cousin." and they maintained and valued the family connection until my mother's death. My grandmother, Mary Sheffield Huber, was an older sister of Helen's father, Ralph, and valued all of her family connections.

Nancy Bardole Hanaman  
Rippey, Iowa

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**Nancy Bardole Hanaman** - June 19, 2019 at 09:05 PM

JP

“ We are sorry to hear about Helen passing away. She always had a smile and was fun to be around. We know she and Gladwyn enjoyed the Labor Day "grease fests" when we were camping. Our sympathy to all. Pat, Jim, Danielle David and Emily the Peterson's.

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**Jim and Pat Peterson** - May 21, 2019 at 01:24 AM

CC

“ Aunt Helen was a woman of strength, integrity and humor. She was a special person in my life and heart. I know there's been a long awaited reunion with family in heaven. May God bless her children and grandchildren with her example and love for them always!

Cindy Cunningham

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**Cindy Cunningham** - May 20, 2019 at 05:12 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - May 19, 2019 at 09:10 PM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Helen L. Langner.



May 18, 2019 at 04:04 PM

TC

“ Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Helen L. Langner



Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - May 17, 2019 at 10:28 AM

AR

“ My parents, Kenny and Beatta Edwards, purchased the condo from Helen. Mom and Helen were "coffee buddies" and enjoyed visiting at the Manor. We are so sorry and offer our sincerest sympathy.  
Ann Russell

Ann Russell - May 17, 2019 at 09:37 AM

JD

“ *John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Helen L. Langner*



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**John/Connie Demers** - May 17, 2019 at 09:05 AM

DF

“ *what a great neighbor she was growing up !! rip helen*

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**dwight fitzsenry** - May 17, 2019 at 08:53 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Helen L. Langner.*



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May 16, 2019 at 11:32 PM

JD

“ *John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Helen L. Langner*



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**John/Connie Demers** - May 16, 2019 at 08:31 PM

GC

*Faithfulness and integrity throughout a life lived in love and service, to her husband and children, to her church and community. I respect aunt Helen as a woman filled with character and goodness who was a giver and builder of life to all of us who knew her. My thankfulness and respect go all the way back to her mother Edna and father Ralph, who were also my grandparents, who instilled such high standards of faith, character, and goodness in their children. Helen, her sister Ruth my mother, and their brothers lives are all examples of the love and kindness in which they were raised. I wish comfort and peace to all my cousins and family missing her. Glenn D. Cunningham*

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**Glenn Cunningham** - May 29, 2019 at 01:45 PM