



## Helen Coson

May 9, 1929 - October 4, 2023

The funeral service celebrating the life of Helen Coson will be held at 1:00p.m on Saturday, October 14, at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Wadena, with Pastor Dave Seaton presiding. Visitation will be held at the church on Saturday from 11:30a.m. until the time of the service.

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You may watch the funeral service on our Facebook page ... Search Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services

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With loving care by her family and Knute Nelson Hospice, Helen went to be with her Lord at the age of 94 on October 4, 2023, at her daughter's home in Pequot Lakes, MN.

Helen Irene Smith was born to Vincent and Selma (May) Smith on May 9, 1929. In high school, Helen known as "Smitty" was very involved in cheerleading, Class plays and participated in choir and Triple Trio for three years.

Helen and Archie Coson were married on July 8, 1978, at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Wadena and made their home west of town. The Wadena community will remember Helen as the friendly salesperson at the S&L Department Store for 30 years and as the manager and activity director at the Senior Citizens Center for 30 years, before retiring

at the young age of 87. She was a member of Eastern Star, VFW Women's Auxiliary, and sang in the choir at the First Congregational United Church of Christ.

Preceding Helen in death were her husband, Archie (2021); parents, Vincent and Selma; seven siblings; and two great grandchildren, Libby Belvill and Garret Lane.

She leaves behind her loving children: Barb (Bob) Wenzler of Florida, Michael Borchardt of St. Cloud, Roxanne (Fred) Soukup of Pequot Lakes, Pam (Jim) Malone of Milaca, and Tim (Danielle Henkel) Borchardt of Minneapolis; 14 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, & 4 great-great-grandchildren; precious sisters, Rosella Rudy and Deloris Quick; several nieces and nephews; Archie's children: Gary Coson, Dawn (Mike) Pettit, and Debbie (Leroy) Larson; along with a host of friends.

Serving as casket bearers will be Troy Borchardt, Trevor Borchardt, Brandon Olson, Mike Soukup, Ryan Malone and Braydon Lane.

Burial will be in Wadena Cemetery in Wadena, MN.

# Cemetery Details

## Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14.** 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Colfax Ave. & 1st St. SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

## Service

OCT **14.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen Coson



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**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - October 11, 2023 at 12:21 PM

MR

“ I just watched the photos of your sweet mom with tears. She was a great friend. My sadness is that I did not know she passed away until I was at Boondocks and the ladies told me that I sometimes stop in to have lunch with. Ann that works at Senior center told me the sad news. Also I just want you to know I would have been at the funeral but feel bad I had never gotten over to see her in her last years. My heart was also broken a year ago so life is different for me also.. But I want to share, that when I was a little girl Archie worked at Fred's so I knew Archie for years before he married Helen. He was always so good to me and our friendship carried over when he married Helen. God Bless.

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**Maryann Riewer** - October 29, 2023 at 10:20 PM

MR

“ I am so sorry to hear of Helen passing. She was a dear friend of mine. We worked together at S and L store in Wadena and we enjoyed each others company. I would visit her in Wadena at the Senior center with my friend and she always had time to make us a sandwich when we stopped in and dessert. I missed her very much when she left the senior center and moved over to Brainerd. I was always going to go see her but one always puts things off. I also lost my husband in November of 2022 and she enjoyed teasing my Jerry. I met the daughter in Pequot Lakes but do not have an address to send her a card. My son lives in Pequot and teaches in Pine River. May God be with you ...and that picture is exactly how I remember her. I hope she didnt suffer with her petite little body. God Bless you all, Maryann Riewer, Staples, MN> 707 Wisconsin Ave.S.E, 56479

Maryann Riewer - October 28, 2023 at 07:39 PM

SS

“ I got the pleasure of meeting Helen working at S & L years ago. She was a wonderful person. She will be missed.

Sam Seaton - October 18, 2023 at 04:44 PM

JP

“ To all of Helen's families. I was so saddened to hear of her passing. She was such a great person. I remember from all the places she worked and especially the Sr. Center. I used to go up on my lunch time and she always had something for me. She was so happy and loving. She will be missed. Please know you will all be in my prayers for peace and comfort. It was a privilege to have been friends with such an elegant loving person. She is in the arms of Our LORD and SAVIOR. God Bless. Jackie.



Jackie Perius - October 13, 2023 at 10:30 PM

RR

“ I was so lucky to have you for a sister. I'll never forget the times on the phone from the jokes you had told me,. Helen, we would laugh for an hour. I love you so much and miss you so very much. Your sister, Rozella Rudy

Rozella Rudy - October 13, 2023 at 05:30 PM

SS

“ A dear woman. Kind and friendly. Small but mighty. Sweet and giving. Len and I rode the casino bus with her and Archie and also enjoyed small lunches with them around town. One in a million gal.



Sally Siegler - October 11, 2023 at 04:56 PM



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Schuller Family Funeral Homes - October 11, 2023 at 02:14 PM



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Schuller Family Funeral Homes - October 11, 2023 at 12:20 PM



“ Sue Mcdonald lit a candle in memory of Helen Coson



Sue Halliwill Mcdonald - October 06, 2023 at 09:00 PM



“ Helen and Archie were great neighbors! She was always cooking or baking something! She was such a very kind and precious lady! She will be missed! Love Vern and Becky Matthiesen

Becky Matthiesen - October 06, 2023 at 08:43 PM

BS

“ *Bill Sartell lit a candle in memory of Helen Coson*



Bill Sartell - October 06, 2023 at 11:59 AM

LI

“ *Helen had the most incredible spirit for life and the best sense of humor. I had the pleasure of meeting her and Archie over 30 years ago. Definitely one of my favorite people. My condolences to her family and friends.*

Linda - October 05, 2023 at 08:42 PM

AP

*Helen was a wonderful kind and fun lady. I used to love to sit at the counter and have a tuna salad sandwich and coffee when she worked there. Her son was friends of one of my boys. I really liked and admired Helen. She will be missed.*

Audrey Erickson Petersen - October 06, 2023 at 04:30 PM

LM

“ *My sympathies to Helen's family*

Lois Christine Miller - October 05, 2023 at 06:03 PM

BO

“ *Bonnie sent a virtual gift in memory of Helen Coson*



bonnie - October 05, 2023 at 04:30 PM

ST

“ Sue Theisen sent a virtual gift in memory of Helen Coson



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**Sue Theisen** - October 05, 2023 at 12:10 PM

MS

“ Mike & Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Helen Coson



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**Mike and Lea Snyder** - October 05, 2023 at 11:06 AM

KM

“ We were neighbors across the road for years, church friends also. She was a great lady, my sincere sympathy to the whole family.

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**Karen Munson** - October 05, 2023 at 10:11 AM

KM

“ Karen Munson lit a candle in memory of Helen Coson



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**Karen Munson** - October 05, 2023 at 10:09 AM

JJ

“ *Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Helen Coson*



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**Jon Johnson** - October 05, 2023 at 09:19 AM