



## Helen McIntire

March 3, 1918 - June 23, 2010

Helen Bertha (Meinhardt) McIntire was born March 3, 1918, to William and Laura Meinhardt in Bartlett Township, Todd County, MN. She was the second of five children born to them. She departed this life on June 23, 2010, at the age of 92. Helen was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bartlett Township. She attended school at District 42 country school and one year of high school in Bertha. She was married on March 5, 1936, to the love of her life, Howard McIntire. Seven children were born to Howard and Helen. Helen was predominantly a homemaker, mother, and grandmother throughout her life, but some may remember her working at the Woolworth's store in Wadena from 1963 to 1976, when it closed. Helen and Howard moved their family many times in the Bertha and Hewitt area before settling on Third Street SE in Wadena in 1952. Helen was active in Ladies Aid, Circle, Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and other church activities. She loved to play cards and games, loved sewing, embroidery, cross-stitch, watching baseball, and growing flowers. She enjoyed feeding the birds, spoiling dogs, and solving puzzles. After Howard's retirement, they enjoyed several winters in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Since Howard's passing, Helen continued to live in Wadena until moving to the Elder's Home in New York Mills in September of 2008. Helen is survived by her son Dennis (Peggy) of Ottertail; daughters Phyllis Nessel of Wadena, Peggy (Jim) Janzen of Delano, Linda Senechal of Bloomington, and Debra McIntire (Steve King) of Heidelberg, Germany; 16 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren;

sisters Della Pundt of Manistee, MI, Lillian (Elmer) Henke of Wadena; brothers Ben (Donna) Meinhardt of Hopkins, and Don (Ione) Meinhardt of Brooklyn Center. She was preceded in death by her husband Howard in 1990; daughter Audrey Wiederich in 2004; son-in-law Earl Wiederich in 1990; and an infant daughter in 1938. Funeral services will be held on June 28, 2010 at 11:00 AM at St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena, with Pastor Stephen Meltzer officiating. Pallbearers will be all of Helen's grandchildren. Interment will be in the Wadena Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

SP

“ It was my pleasure and honor to care for Helen while she resided at the Elders Home. I'll remember her most for her ready smile and her laugh. She brought laughter and smiles to all of us at the home. She'll be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to Helen's family and friends.

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**Sheri Papenfuss** - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ To Helen and her family:

*We can only guess how much Helen loved you and how proud she was of you. Perhaps it is as much as your love for her and your pride in her.*

*We are grateful to have known Helen in the small way that we did and to have the great joy of knowing her youngest daughter - whose life carries Helen's strength and joy with her every day.*

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**Paul and Becky** - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ It is hard to experience the passing of a loved one. Cherish the memories and pass on the lessons learned by Helen's life. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Rolf Larson** - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Linda I am so sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. No matter how old they are and the full life she had does not lessen the pain of losing your Mom. I am so sorry for you loss. Take Care.

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**Kathy Caron** - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ Lind, I am thinking of you and your family. I have you in my heart thoughts and prayers. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you.

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**Vicki Colombo** - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ I'm sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. I have heard stories of Helen from Linda over the last few years. It is sad to learn about the declining health of a loved one. Hopefully the Hospice provided the necessary care to keep Helen comfortable in her last weeks. I am glad I had the opportunity to know of Helen through Linda's words. Growing up in the Wadena area must have been a real treat. I lived in Detroit Lakes for about 4 years from High School and got to visit Wadena a few times. Share all of your fond memories with each other about your mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, aunt. Peace be with all of you in this difficult time.

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**Paul Makousky** - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Linda, Just want you to know your in my thoughts and prayers. I'm so sorry for the loss of your mother. Take care!  
Therese Robertson  
Co-worker

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**Therese Robertson** - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I will always remember Helen as so welcoming when I would come visit Debbie. My sympathy to the family!

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**Judy Vierkant Ament** - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Linda & Phillis and family,  
Praying that you will be surrounded by God's comforting love and  
filled with the peace that only He can give, My thoughts and prayers  
are with you.

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**Colleen Kaldun** - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Phyllis, I was sorry to read of your mother's death. My sincere  
sympathies to you and all your family.  
Susan Thompson

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**Susan Thompson** - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of your mom. I wish I could be there with  
you. My heart is there. She was a very special person to all of us  
that "grew up" with her in our lives. My love to all of you. Jenny

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**Jenny Lehmkuhl Kay** - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Linda and Phyllis, My sympathy to you both and your family. Jodi

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**Jodi Ostman** - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Phyllis, My sympathy to you and your family. I remember the times  
visiting at the home on third street. Your Mom was always  
welcoming to me and I enjoyed coming to your home. I regret I will  
not make to Wadena for the services due to a prior commitment. My  
thought and prayers will be with you.  
Julie

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**Juliana B Geiser** - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ I am sorry to hear about your loss of your mother. May she rest in God's peace and enjoy heaven onboard. When I was in Wadena last weekend (just in time in midst of the tornado) I was wondering about your mother and Phyllis. Hope all is well and my prayers are with you.

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**Rita A.** - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ We know it was Helen's time to go, but it is especially sad when it's the passing of a generation in a family. The McIntire and Schmith families were so entwined as neighbors on SE 3rd Street and owners of Jacobson Oil Company. And our community will always think of Helen when Woolworths is mentioned - the only womam I ever knew who could put in consistant 8 hr days wearing high heals! Blessings to the entire McIntire family.

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**Vicki Pearson** - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Linda, I'm so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. Sure sounds like she had a good life though!! I love that her obit said she was a "spoiler of dogs".

*Take care...*

*Big hug, Marcia Kleeberger*

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**Marcia Kleeberger** - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM