



## Helen Stroot

March 1, 1919 - March 5, 2011

Helen Theresa (Geiser) Stroot was born on March 1, 1919 to Joseph and Anna (Vorderbruggen) Geiser in Bluffton, MN. Helen Geiser and Leo August Stroot were united in marriage on October 4, 1936, at St. John the Baptist Church in Bluffton. She was a loving wife, mother, and busy homemaker. She showed her love to her grandchildren with her “Gramma cake” and chocolate chip cookies. She enjoyed gardening, fish fries at the lake, and family gatherings, She also loved watching the birds, playing cards and dice games. Helen belonged to Christian Mother’s, the VFW Auxiliary, and the Catholic Aid Association. Helen passed away on March 5, 2011 at the age of 92, at St. Joseph’s Medical Center in Brainerd. She was preceded in death by her husband Leo on August 24, 1992; her parents Joseph and Anna; sons Leo and David; daughter Karen, brothers Ben and Ray Geiser, sister Hildegard Haman; and grandsons Jonathan Harthun and Jacob Stroot. Helen is survived by sons Jim (Pat) Stroot of Miltona, Bill (Aggie) Stroot of Motley, and Fred (Diane) Stroot of New York Mills; daughters Carol (Norb) Husby of Park Rapids, Mary (Dave) Keppers of Motley, Ellen (Ron) Cherne of Brainerd, Judeen (Doug) Harthun, and Adele (Mark) Lausten both of New York Mills; 39 grandchildren, 89 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren; sister Esther (Don) Hatlestad; sisters-in-law Mary Stroot and Evelyn (Al) Koplín; and brother-in-law Jack (Eileen) Regan. The Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 a.m. on March 8, 2011, at St. John The Baptist Church in Bluffton, with Father Donald Wagner as celebrant. Honorary pallbearers were Stacie Garver

and Lacey Schik. Active pallbearers were Alan Husby, Marc Stroot, Chad Keppers, Aaron Stroot, Abe Harthun, and Malcolm Stroot. Burial was in St. John the Baptist Church Cemetery in Bluffton.

# Tribute Wall

SH

“ We have been thinking of you and remembering you all in our prayers. We know how loved Grandma Stroot was by all of you. May she rest in peace!

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**Sheila Hoffman** - March 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ We were sorry to hear that Helen has passed away but grateful to have known her. She and Leo raised a wonderful family. The world was just a better place because of them.  
Trana's

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**Duane and Donna and Tracy Trana** - March 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Another family member added to the family reunion at God's home. She will be welcome by those that have gone before her. May Helen rest in peace and you "kids" remember the good times with love and laughter.  
Peace and Love to you all  
Marge

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**Marge (Schwartz) Mohs- Harrison** - March 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I am very sorry and sadden to hear about Helen's passing. She was a very special lady and a comforting soul to Rocky over the past 10 years. I remember her fondly from my childhood and have many great memories of times our families spent together. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

My condolences,  
Love Sally (Geiser) McKinnon

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**Sally (Geiser) McKinnon** - March 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Carol, Norb, Alan, Kevin, Dori, Steve and Family, My deepest sympathy to your Family. Thinking of your wonderful and loving family. Helen will rest in peace and look over all of you here on earth. Enjoy remembering all the wonderful memories you all shared.  
Love, Angie

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**Angie (Guck) Wick** - March 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

IK

“ I will never forget the many happy days I had at your farm, taking the bus home from school with Carol.  
Your mother is in peace and I'm sure My Mom and Dad, Leo, Grandma Geiser, Ray and Ben all waited and welcomed her.  
She is in peace and my you find that peace in your hearts. Time does heal.  
Irene

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**Irene (Haman) Kasal** - March 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ We love you Grandma / Great Grandma!  
We loved the times we shared together,  
We loved your smile that you always had on when you saw us,  
We loved your "Grandma Cake",  
and we loved your frozen chocolate chip cookies!!  
We love you Grandma / Great Grandma!  
God Bless You!  
Alan, Kaily, Alyssa and Courtney ;o)

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**Alan Husby** - March 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Adele and family, remembering all the good times we had together  
as children while our parents played cards! Plus, we got to listen to  
what our older siblings did together... "we were angels".

Love and my deepest sympathy,  
Mary

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**Mary (Schwartz) Lunzer** - March 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ So sorry to hear about Helen. I met Irene(Geiser) at lunch last week  
and we got to talking about all the snow in Northern MN. I asked  
where and we went on to talk about the Stroots in that area. Really  
a coincidence. Thus she was the one who told me about your loss.  
Again I am so sorry. She was a great lady and I always considered  
her an Aunt instead of just a cousin. We are in NM or we would  
certainly attend the funeral. Our prayers and thoughts are with you  
and all the family.

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**Pat and Ray King** - March 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Your family is in our prayers during this time of loss of your mother. May her soul rest in peace. God bless you all Duane and Jan

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**Duane and Jan Guck** - March 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Grandma,

*You will forever hold a dear place in our hearts. Even when we stopped in for unannounced visits, you would have warm welcomes for us and great conversations, and always treated us with your signature chocolate chip cookies and chocolate cake. We miss you, Grandma! We love you!*

*Love, Steve, Shawna, Olivia and Delana*

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**Steve Husby** - March 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Just want to let you know I am remembering you all in prayer at the time of your mother's funeral. It would be nice to see you all again. If I was home- Mom--Loretta- would invite me to the lunch at Boondocks with their birthday club in which your Mom was also a member. May peace be in your hearts.  
Cousin, S. Jean

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**S. Jean Schwartz** - March 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ On behalf of all of the Lawrence Stroot family I express our heartfelt condolences to all of Helen's Family. We shall pray for her as she enters Heaven and the arms of our Lord.

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**Bob & Jayne Stroot** - March 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM