



## Helen C. Garrels

January 5, 1940 - September 20, 2021

Helen C. Garrels, 81, of Grand Island, went to her Heavenly home on Monday, September 20, 2021.

Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11 AM Tuesday, September 28th in the sanctuary of Trinity United Methodist Church. Reverend Del Roper will officiate. Cremation will take place following the service with entombment of ashes in the church's columbarium at a later date.

Family will be greeting friends an hour before service time. Memorials are suggested to Trinity United Methodist Church music ministry. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Helen was born on January 5, 1940 in Carleton, Nebraska the daughter of Harold and Wilma (Bailey) Bice. She graduated from Bruning High School. She attended Bryan School of Nursing receiving her degree as a Registered Nurse. Throughout her career she worked at Mary Lanning, Grand Island Lutheran Hospital and retired from St. Francis Medical Center. She held several positions within the nursing field including state surveyor, infection control and quality assurance and nursing supervisor.

On September 3, 1961 she was united in marriage to Dennis E. Garrels. This union was blessed with children, Melanie and Mark. They raised their family in Grand Island.

Helen was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, serving on many church committees, ladies circles and served as President of United Methodist Women. She was an avid reader, enjoyed traveling, scrapbooking and

volunteering. Her greatest treasure was spending time with family.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband of 60 years, Dennis; daughter, Melanie Garrels of Council Bluffs, IA; son, Mark (Tammi) Garrels of Grand Island and grandchildren, Lexie (Reagan) Nikkel, Libby Bates, Lilly Bates and Makenna Garrels.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant son and infant daughters and sisters, Wanda Tegtmeier and Georgia Keim.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

SEP **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
511 N Elm St  
Grand Island, NE 68801-4599  
(308) 382-1952

# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen C. Garrels*

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