



Helen E. Mangelsen

July 16, 1932 - November 27, 2014

Helen E. Mangelsen, 82 of Grand Island, died Thursday, November 27, 2014 at Wedgewood Care Center.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Messiah Lutheran Church.

Reverend Gary Harris will officiate. Burial will be at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mangelsen was born July 16, 1932 at Grand Island, to D. Lawrence and Elsie Halstead.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Diana Mangelsen of Laporte, CO; daughter, Nancy Mangelsen of Grand Island; a sister, Bonnie Ring of Colorado Springs, CO and several nephews and nieces, especially Paul and Ray Galles, who were always helping to make her life easier.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Emil; son, Richard; parents; brother, Donald Halstead and sisters, Geraldine Galles and Betty Stack.

Helen graduated from Grand Island Senior High in 1950. She then entered St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing in Lincoln. After her freshman year she left for Shreveport, Louisiana to help a sister with health problems. A year later she took a position with the nursing staff at the Cornhusker Ordinance Plant.

On January 3, 1955, she married Emil Mangelsen in Kearney, a union which lasted fifty years, spent entirely in Grand Island. Helen's care of her developmentally disabled child was commendable, as she made it her life's work that she would have a normal life.

Known in the family for her “green thumb”, plants and flowers thrived in her care. Also enjoyable were the annual trips to Colorado, New Mexico and California, visiting relatives and friends.

Memorials are suggested to Messiah Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park

Grand Island, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen E. Mangelsen*

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“ *Don we are sorry to hear your mom passed our prayers are with you!!! Rick and Jody Seymour*

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