



Helen Wilson Schmitz

November 23, 1923 - January 4, 2021

Helen Goetz Wilson Schmitz daughter of Aloyius and Cecilia (Stoltz) Goetz was born November 23, 1923 at Dunlap, Iowa. She attended country school until 3rd grade when the family moved to Panama, Iowa. In high school she enjoyed singing in the church choir. She married Joseph Wilson, and 3 children were born to this union, Jerry, Janice, and Linda. After the death of Joe, she married Verner Schmitz.

Helen was a Surgical Technician in the Surgical Department at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan for 53 years. She received her education at St. Anthony's Hospital in Carroll, Iowa, and Mercy Hospital in Council Bluff, Iowa. Later, she assisted with eye surgeries, and received her training at the Omaha Eye Institute. Helen assisted many doctors, and specialists from Omaha that came to Harlan. Helen loved her job and enjoyed assisting all the doctors that she worked with.

Helen spent countless hours as a volunteer. She served on the Council at the Senior Center in Harlan, faithfully taking blood pressures. She was a member of the Elm Crest Nursing Home Auxiliary, Vice President of the V.F.W. Auxiliary. She was a member of the Myrtue Medical Center Auxiliary and served on the Hospital Auxiliary Board. She worked at the Red Cross Blood Drives for 35 years. She was a courier for the Hospital Laboratory, taking blood where needed. She was also honored as the Volunteer of the Year, an honor she was very proud of.

She was an active member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and was a Eucharistic Minister and helped with preparing and serving funeral luncheons. She retired and remained in Harlan until moving to Atlantic in 2015. She enjoyed traveling, quilting, sewing, playing cards, crossword puzzles, visiting with people and being with family and friends.

Helen died on Monday, January 4, 2021 at Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic, attaining the age of ninety-seven years, one month, and twelve days. She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, Joe Wilson and Verner Schmitz, and infant daughter Linda, infant grandson, Joseph Book. Her brothers, Donald Goetz, Bill Goetz, sisters, Alyce Rasmussen, Agnes Goetz, and Theresa Muell.

Survivors are her children: Jerry (Bev) Wilson of Seattle, Washington; Janice (Bob) Book of Atlantic, Iowa; seven grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Cemetery

Harlan Cemetery

911 12th Street

Harlan, IA, 51537

Events

MAY **Visitation** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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St. Michael's Catholic Church

2001 College Place, Harlan, IA, US, 51537

MAY **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:30AM

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Comments



“ Moving back to a Shelby county and Harlan was one of the best things we could have done as a family in the early 1990's. Waiting for us was wonderful family and friends. No one welcomed us more than our Aunt Helen. Over the next 25 years we got to spend so much time with her at her home on Willow street. We would help her mow, Joann and Suz would clean / the laughs and memories were the best. We miss her dearly, for our children to have known her was truly one of Gods blessings. Her kindness and love taught us to be better people and we assured her we would pass it on. God bless her soul, and may God give you eternal rest.

Tony Hough - January 14 at 07:42 AM



“ Our sympathy goes out to Helens family. S he was a good person. I worked with her at the hospital and have many good memories of her.

Bonnie Klein - January 10 at 10:17 AM



“ My sympathies to Helen's family. I was on Harlan Senior Council with her. Nice lady. She will be missed.

Janet Stuhr - January 06 at 08:03 PM



“ Thank you for the kind words mom will be missed She was a very caring and loving mother and grandmother

bev wilson - January 06 at 10:42 PM



“ I worked with Helen in surgery and she was such a caring person. She will be missed by many.

Gail Blackwell - January 06 at 03:01 PM



“ Gene And Jan Wilwerding sent a virtual gift in memory of Helen Wilson Schmitz



Gene and Jan Wilwerding - January 06 at 02:51 PM



“ I worked with Helen in surgery for many years. She was a delight.

Shirley Olson - January 06 at 01:32 PM



“ My grandmother was such an inspirational woman. She never met a stranger. I have countless numbers of memories with her and we spoke of them when we talked. I stayed the night with her as much as I could, even when she was on call and I would wait in the cafeteria in the hospital until she was done. Stopping at the Harlan bakery before going to Lake View, scrambled eggs with ham for breakfast and a bottle of pop, the white bucket with candy, and thousands more. Along with our memories we also shared a couple of secrets that I promised her I'd never tell.

I'm so glad that I had the times I did with my grandma. She was more than a grandmother to me. We agreed that nobody could've understood the closeness we shared. Not a day will go by that I won't miss her. A part of me is missing but I know I will rejoice when we are reunited again. I love you Gram

Angela Jean Plant - January 07 at 01:44 PM