

Helena (De Bruin) Niemeyer was born March 18, 1932, to John Peter and Maria (Beukhof) De Bruin. She was born on the family home near Maurice, Iowa, and attended country school until the family moved to Alford, Iowa, where she graduated from the 8th grade. Helena was united in marriage with Gerrit Niemeyer on November 29, 1950. After Gerrit finished his military service, the couple moved to the Doon, Iowa area where they farmed until retiring to Doon in 1981.

Helena was a faithful member of First Reformed Church of Doon and was active in Bible studies and Ladies Aide. She loved spending time with family and attending grandchildren and great-grandchildren's various activities and special programs. She enjoyed coffee time with her friends, crocheting, and reading. Helena loved traveling with Gerrit, family, and friends. She was also an avid Iowa Hawkeye Basketball fan and watched them play every chance she could. Helena passed away Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at Lyon Specialty Care in Rock Rapids, Iowa at the age of 91.

Helena is survived by 5 children, Glenda Hellenga, Judy (Carl) Jansma, Ardell (Colleen) Niemeyer, Donna (Wendell) Rensink, and Lisa (Roger) De Bey; daughter-in-law, Marilyn Niemeyer; 17 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren; and sisters-in-law, Marlys De Bruin and Arlene De Bruin.

Helena was preceded in death by her parents, John and Maria; husband, Gerrit; son, Harlan Niemeyer; son-in-law, Brian Hellenga; and siblings, Jen (Hank) Teunissen, Clara (Dan) De Vries, Tom (Martha) De Bruin, infant sister Marie De Bruin, Albert (Henrietta) De Bruin, Heinie (Etta) De Bruin, Pete (Hermina) De Bruin, Garrett De Bruin, Jake De Bruin, Marie (Gilbert) Postma, and Irene (Pete) Reitsma.

Remembering the Life of Helena Niemeyer

FUNERAL SERVICE

1:30 PM, Monday, July 3, 2023
First Reformed Church
Doon, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. Peter Kolb

PIANIST

Mary Jo Huls

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"
"What A Day That Will Be"

Colleen Niemeyer ~ Marlys Korthals ~ Mary Jo Huls

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Victory In Jesus"
"It Is Well With My Soul"

PALLBEARERS

Chad Hellenga ~ Gaylon Jansma
Derick Niemeyer ~ Heath Rensink
Riley Niemeyer ~ Corey De Bey
Ryan Hellenga ~ Troy Jansma
Brent Rensink ~ Jarod De Bey

USHERS

Gary Baker ~ Wes De Groot ~ Jim Koedam

INTERMENT

Hillside Cemetery
Doon, Iowa

Helena's family invites everyone for a light luncheon in the church fellowship hall following the committal service.

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.*

*I took his hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks undone must stay that way.
I found that peace at close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
ah, yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me
God wanted me now:
He set me free.*



In Loving Memory
Helena Niemeyer

March 18, 1932 ~ June 28, 2023