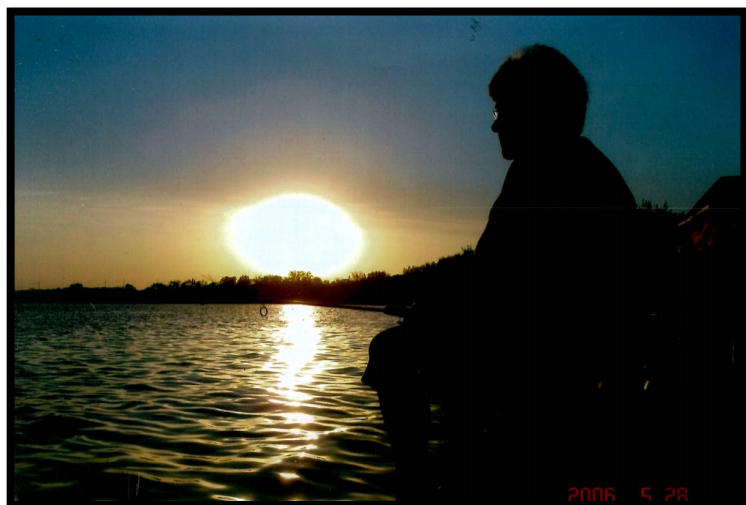


I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave
an afterglow of
smiles
when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright & sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
To dry before the sun
Of *happy memories*
that I leave behind
When life is done.



In lieu of sending individual notes, we would like to take this opportunity to say a very heartfelt **"Thank You"** to everyone for your many acts of kindness and support during this difficult time.

Celebrating THE *Life* OF
Helen Staples

APRIL 26, 1925 - AUGUST 26, 2023

Services At:

Assumption Catholic Church - Morris, Minnesota
Friday - September 1, 2023 - 10:30 a.m.

Celebrant:

Father Todd Schneider

Readers:

Zach Staples, Trey Steinbach, Suzie Staples

Family Remembrances:

Pam Staples

Musician:

Josh Fischer

Pallbearers:

Bob Staples, Dave Staples, Paul Mahoney
Josh Staples, Bryan Staples, Jeff Mahoney

Honorary Pallbearers:

All of Helen's Grandchildren
& Great-Grandchildren

Interment:

Calvary Cemetery
Morris, Minnesota

Helen was born on April, 26, 1925. She was 7 of 14 children born to Zeno and Ida Lesmeister who had a farm north of Morris. Helen was baptized and confirmed at Assumption Church in Morris. She graduated from St. Mary's School in 1942 and worked at Knowles Department Store before she met the love of her life, Wallace Staples. Helen and Wally were married on November 9, 1946. Together, they had seven beautiful children and shared a farm life for 50 plus years. Their legacy also includes 15 beloved grandchildren and 41 great grandchildren, with the youngest being only a few months old.

Helen was actively engaged in many community activities across her long life. She was an avid member of two Homemaker's Clubs and two birthday clubs into her early 90's. In addition, she served on the Home Council and had a leadership role in the Synnes 4-H Club for many years. Volunteering gave Helen great joy. She contributed her time and energy to the St. Patrick's Mission Circle, the Guild at Assumption Church, and the local hospital's Gift Shop. She especially enjoyed volunteering at the Starbuck Nursing Home where her homemade donuts were a big hit.

Helen led a very active life and was not one to sit around. In her youth, she played on the local women's softball team. Her other favorite activities included bowling, golfing, and cross-country skiing. Fishing with her boys was always a highlight. Helen also enjoyed playing card games and drinking wine with her sisters whenever they gathered.

She excelled at all types of crafts such as sewing, macrame, crocheting, needlepoint, and making quilts and blankets. Helen was a wizard at cooking and baking. Angel food cakes and apple bars were the family's favorites.

Across Helen's 98 years, she was surrounded by the love of her big family and many friends. Her grandchildren were the center of her universe. Her constant joy and laughter were contagious. Her generosity and thoughtfulness knew no bounds. She did so much for so many.

Her prayer of "dying in her sleep" was close to being answered. She just slipped away in 4-5 days which gave her family time to say their goodbyes. She left this world full of grace, just as she lived her life, and will be missed so very dearly. Helen passed away peacefully at the age of 98 at the Edgewood Assisted Living facility in Alexandria, Minnesota on August 26th, 2023 of old age.

Helen is survived by her children: Dick (Mary) Staples of Kensington, Steve Staples of Morris, Ron (Juanita) Staples of Morris, Jan Mahoney of Alexandria, Pat Staples of Blaine, and Pam Staples of Minneapolis; 15 grandchildren: Dave (Amy) Staples of Kensington, Bryan (Angie) Staples of Alexandria, Melissa (Bryan) Boll of Crookston, Suzie Rhode of Fargo, ND, Mike (JaNae) Staples of Hoffman, Bob (Trudy) Staples of Hancock, Christy (Tim) Steinbach of St. Cloud, Stephanie (Ryan) Popp of Richfield, Josh (Alisa) Staples of Alexandria, Zach Staples of Fargo, ND, Dani (Bryce) Benson of Morris, Jordan (Courtney) Staples of Chokio, Taylor (Haily Wolfe) Staples of West Fargo, ND, Paul (Christine) Mahoney of Kensington, and Jeff (Brittani) Mahoney of Andover; 41 great-grandchildren: Dawson, Gage, Ryder, Addison, Kyli, Jarin, Emma, Ethan, Cloe, Grace, Morgan, Eli, Max, Jet, Estee, Vera, Maverik, Riggs, Alexis, Kaitlyn, Trey, Ashleigh, Josie, Matthew, Summer, Hayden, Charlyee, Hadley, Ingrid, Evan, Colten, Noah, Layla, Aurora, Callahan, Lily, Elsie, Ivy, Finley, Kanin, and Archer; one sister, Joan Hanrahan of Morris; and a host of extended family. Helen is preceded in death by her husband, Wallace; daughter Cathy; and daughter-in-law, Kathy Staples.

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