You can shed tears because they are gone, Or you can smile because they lived.

You can close your eyes and pray they will come back, Or you can open your eyes and see all that they left for you.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see them, Or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember only that they are gone, Or you can cherish their memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind and feel empty,
Or you can do what they would want.
Smile, Open your heart, Love. . . and go on.

~Elizabeth Ammons







Helen Gussner, 92, passed away peacefully at her home in Mandan on February 22, 2021.

Helen Elaine Schrenk was born August 30, 1928 in Bismarck to Rudolph and Barbara (Wiebe) Schrenk. Raised in Baldwin, ND, Helen attended Sheyenne River Academy from 1943-1946 and graduated from nursing school in 1951. She went on to work in hospitals in North Dakota, Washington, and Boston, Mass. On June 20, 1965 she married Otto Gussner in Bismarck.

Helen loved family, helping in the community, being a nurse, playing piano, and being an active member in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She had a heart bigger than all the outdoors. Helen was little but mighty and when she shook her finger, you knew she meant business.

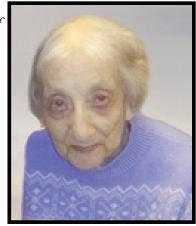
Helen is survived by her brother, Alfred (Evangelyn) Schrenk, Bowden, ND; sisters, Betty Belmont (husband, Robert deceased), Mandan and Winona Rodacker (husband, Emil deceased), Jamestown, ND; nephews, Lorren, Kevin, and Monte; nieces, Shelly and Tammy; and 10 grand nieces and nephews.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Otto, in 2000; her parents; brother, Donald; and sister, Ruth.

*When we all get to heaven, come find me. I'll be under the tree of life, by the river of life, reading a book and petting a lion.



Please go to www.BuehlerLarson.com to share memories of Helen.



Funeral Service

Friday, February 26, 2021; 1:00 PM Mandan Seventh-day Adventist Church 4500 30th Ave NW

Mandan, North Dakota

Officiant Pastor Harold Chin

Pianist Charles Metz

Organist Julie Brude

Casketbearers Josh Metz, Charles Metz, Luke Metz, Kaeden Miller, Wayne Miller, & Dwight Duke

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HELEN GUSSNER

Welcome - Pastor Harold Chin Scripture and Prayer - Pastor Jason Woll (John 13:35) Special Hymn - Beautiful Flowers - Pastor Harold Chin

(congregation may join)

Reading of Obituary - Pastor Darrel Lindensmith

Message - Pastor Harold Chin

Hymn - How Great Thou Art - 86 in Hymnal

Time of Sharing - Pastor Darrel Lindensmith

Special Hymn - The New Jerusalem - Pastor Harold Chin

(congregation may join)

Closing Prayer - Pastor Darrel Lindensmith

Graveside/Committal - Pastor Darrel Lindensmith

Committal will be at Mandan Union Cemetery immediately following the funeral service.