



Helen E. Matthiesen

May 9, 1916 - October 9, 2010

Helen E. Matthiesen,

Our beloved mother, grandma, great grandma, great great grandma and friend went to be with our Lord on Saturday October 9, 2010.

Helen was born May 9, 1916 at Norfolk, Nebraska to Louie and Mary Schenzel. Helen attended school in Norfolk thru the 8th grade. She was the youngest of 9 children.

Helen married Henry Matthiesen September 27, 1940 in California. They made their home at the homestead of August and Amelia Matthiesen's, where they raised their children. Helen was a wonderful mother; she canned her own vegetables, and meat. She was always ready to help anyone in need. She became well known for her wonderful baking abilities. She made cinnamon rolls, butterhorns, and delicious pies and cookies. She also made clothes and baby blankets, she was a good seamstress.

In 1960 Helen and Henry moved off the family farm and into Mansfield. They made their home where Norman and Marilyn Tupling live. Helen then rented rooms and boarded fisherman and school teachers.

In 1966 Helen was employed by the Mansfield School as the head cook. After the death of her husband Helen became a care giver for children and the

elderly. She took care of her grandkids and great grandchildren as well.

The last four years due to declining health Helen was homebound. She had great fun with her 5 cats, whom were her companions.

Survivors are Red (Joyce) Matthiesen, Marilyn (Norman) Tupling, of Mansfield, Sharon(Joe) Mongeon of Spokane, Geraldine Ofstead of Brewster. Grandchildren Henry, Julie (Scott), Patty, Tammy, Jacque (Larry), Danny, Alan, Oscar (Lisa), Eric (Sundae), Steve (Lori), and Gary.

Great grandchildren; Cory, Jason, Norman (Tara), Sarah, Alyssa (Eric), Kayla, Tyler, Dale (Tessa), Alexandria, Katelynn, Cole, Shaylee, Jessica, Jedd, Thaddius, Blake, Morgan, Sydnee, Liberty, Ben, and Megan.

Great great grandsons; Trevor, Joshua, Taten and Kodi, and numerous nieces and nephews, all whom she loved dearly.

She is preceded in death by her mother, father, and husband, twin sons Dale and Gale and son George.

Services will be held Monday October 18, 2010 at 2:00 P.M. at the Mansfield Community Church with Pastor Tom Herringshaw officiating.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Mansfield dollars of Scholars in memory of Helen Matthiesen.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guestbook at jonesjonesbetts.com Arrangements have been entrusted to the Waterville Funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Mansfield Cemetery

Mansfield, WA

Previous Events

Service

OCT 18. 2:00 PM (PT)

Mansfield Community Church
36 West 2nd Avenue
Mansfield, WA 98830

Tribute Wall

“ As anyone who knew Grandma Helen knows, she baked the best butter horns, cinnamon rolls, potato bread rolls, pies, and homemade chocolate pudding (as well as the best mashed potatoes, beans and wienies, German potato salad, fried chicken, creamed peas and new potatoes, etc.).

During one of the weekends I spent with Grandma Helen more than 18 years ago, I asked her if I could copy her pastry recipes. I remember Grandma looked at me a little sideways, and chuckled a bit, as she told me that she didn't use recipes . . . they were stored in her "kopf" (head). So, I asked if I could watch her and write her recipes down as she baked. I had no idea how much of a "hitch" this would put in Grandma's baking "get-along". ;-) You see, Grandma did most of her measuring by sight and touch. She didn't use a measuring cup or spoon for measuring, in the traditional sense. And here I was asking her to do just that! :-) Boy, did I mess up her system and delay her production time. :-) I'm sure I was more than testing her patience that afternoon (poor Grandma!).

However, being the ever-giving person she was, Grandma Helen was very generous with her time and patience, while she measured by sight and touch into separate bowls she had scattered about on the counter. She then put each of those ingredients into a measuring cup or spoon before adding them to the final mixing bowl. Grandma did all of this, just so that I could write down the correct measurement for each item. It was very time consuming for Grandma Helen, and as I said before . . . quite the test of her patience, but she cared enough to humor me, and made the best of it. ;-)

The outcome of my baking from those captured, written versions of Grandma Helen's recipes will never compare to her final product. That's for darn sure! The love and care she put into each batch of baked goods made them more scrumptious than I could ever duplicate. Thank you for allowing me to capture a part of your legacy, Grandma Helen. You are loved deeply by many and will be

dearly missed.

Jessi Saucedo - October 15, 2010 at 04:23 PM



“ *Grandma was a wonderful lady who made me doll clothes, clothes for my children, and who kept my cookie jar full of cookies. She was a amazing grandma, who loved us all. I will miss her deeply.*

Patty Hanson - October 15, 2010 at 03:46 PM