



## Helen Laverna Gerth

August 30, 1926 - December 21, 2017

Helen L. Gerth, 91, of Spirit Lake passed away on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at Lakes Regional HealthCare in Spirit Lake.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at the First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake with Rev. Clint Loveall officiating. Burial will be in the Memory Gardens Cemetery in Spirit Lake. A visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake.

Helen was born on August 30, 1926 in Lanyon, IA to Carl and Mary (Johnson) Nyren. She graduated from Lanyon Community Schools and earned a business degree from Tobin Business College in Fort Dodge, IA. In 1948, Helen was united in marriage to Clyde Edward Gerth at the Lanyon Covenant Church. Helen worked as a bookkeeper for several years for AMPI. After retiring from AMPI, she kept busy working for the Spirit Lake Community School's lunch department. Most recently, Helen worked for Home Instead where she enjoyed caring for others.

Helen was a longtime and faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake. Helen was a kind, loving person who enjoyed taking care of others. She was a fulltime care giver for her family, grandchildren, neighbors, and community members. In her spare time, she enjoyed gardening and

fishing with her husband.

Survivors include her son, Roger Gerth and his wife Jill of Estherville; a son-in-law, Rick Bierstedt of Spirit Lake; two grandchildren, Abby (Jake) Friedrichsen and Nick (Clarissa) Bierstedt; two step-granddaughters, Tessie Simon and Chelsea (Nathan) Hecht; three great granddaughters, Ava Friedrichsen, Lola Friedrichsen, and Elsie Bierstedt; and a step great grandson, Keyan Simon.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, two sisters, loving husband Clyde, son Robert, and daughter, Jane Bierstedt.

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
3501 Hill Ave.  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ *My sympathy to your family. Clyde and Helen were a wonderful couple I met at my church. I'm sorry for your loss.*

*Dayle Broocks*

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**Dayle Broocks** - December 26, 2017 at 09:39 AM



BD

“ *Bonnie Duhn sent a virtual gift in memory of Helen Laverna Gerth*



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**Bonnie Duhn** - December 24, 2017 at 10:14 PM

DB

“ *Denise Bonsall lit a candle in memory of Helen Laverna Gerth*



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**Denise Bonsall** - December 24, 2017 at 08:10 PM

JL

“ *Julie Lande lit a candle in memory of Helen Laverna Gerth*



Julie Lande - December 23, 2017 at 11:24 AM

BG

“ *Bonnie Goebel lit a candle in memory of Helen Laverna Gerth*



Bonnie Goebel - December 23, 2017 at 11:17 AM

HI

“ *Home Instead lit a candle in memory of Helen Laverna Gerth*



Home Instead - December 22, 2017 at 08:59 PM

LH

“ *Your Mom helped take of my Mom through Home Instead, she was a great lady!*

Lynn Hasebroek - December 22, 2017 at 07:49 PM

DR

“ Don & Jean Reed lit a candle in memory of Helen Laverna Gerth



Don & Jean Reed - December 22, 2017 at 03:39 PM

RT

“ Ray And Diane Tucker lit a candle in memory of Helen Laverna Gerth



Ray and Diane Tucker - December 22, 2017 at 01:51 PM

LR

“ Lisa Reiman lit a candle in memory of Helen Laverna Gerth



Lisa reiman - December 21, 2017 at 08:30 PM

NJ

“ Nancy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Helen Laverna Gerth



Nancy Johnson - December 21, 2017 at 07:25 PM

KW

“ I can't really say much more than Nancy Newcomb has said about Helen. I agree with her totally ~ Helen was a very lovely person and had a beautiful kind smile. What a peach ~ condolences

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**KAY WILSON** - December 21, 2017 at 07:24 PM

NN

“ Helen was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Clyde I'm sure was waiting with open arm to welcome her to their heavenly home. Clyde always gave the best hugs. I have so many awesome, happy memories of them both. I will miss them but will treasure being blessed to have known them. Big hugs and prayers to all who loved Helen. 🙏❤️ Nancy Newcomb

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**Nancy Newcomb** - December 21, 2017 at 02:48 PM