



Helen "Ella" Mae Sacco

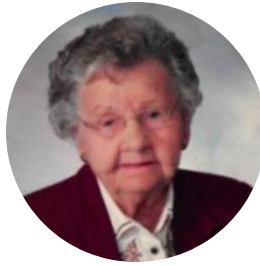
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Helen "Ella" Mae (Starcevich) Sacco, was born May 1, 1921 in Jerome, Iowa. She died September 14, 2019 in Centerville, Iowa. Helen was the youngest of eight children born to Anton and Louise Starcevich. She attended the Jerome schools. Helen married John Sacco on August 31, 1940 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Centerville. They were married 57 years until John's death in 1997. They enjoyed traveling, hosting costume parties and dancing at polkas. Helen was a nurse aide, working at St. Joseph's/Mercy Hospital in Centerville, and for nearly 25 years as an office nurse for family medicine doctor, E.F. Ritter, M.D. She later provided home care assistance to several relatives and others in the community. She was a prolific cook, sharing her home-baked bread, homemade lasagna and fried chicken with many. Helen also liked to play cards with friends. She was a loving mother and grandmother, often spending her days off with her grandchildren. They share many memories of her taking them to the Centerville Park and cooking "man" pancakes for breakfast. She was a devoted member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and attended Mass weekly. She rarely missed even when she began walking with a cane. Helen is survived by her daughters: Linda (Bobby) Sowder and Margie Crowell, both of Centerville, Iowa. Her grandchildren: Greg Sowder (Gwen) of Kansas City, Missouri, Michael Sowder (Terri Kanak) of Spring Branch, Texas, Thad Sowder (Rebecca) of Gold Canyon, Arizona, Leslie Baker of Edmond, Oklahoma, Travis Crowell (Amanda) of Davenport, Iowa and Tatum Marcussen (Randy) of Centerville; 10 great grandchildren and 6 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John Sacco; their stillborn daughter, Josephine Sacco; son-in-law, Gary "Punki" Crowell and all of her siblings: Paul Starcevich, Frank Starcevich, Vinko Starcevich, Mary Zemo, Marie Risher, Anna Buban, and Louise "Pep" Thomas. The family extends a special thank you to the nurses, staff and volunteers in the Long-Term Care at MercyOne Centerville Medical Center and EveryStep Hospice,



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and to the many friends and relatives who visited Helen there. Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Centerville. Interment will immediately follow at Oakland Cemetery 1005 E. State Street in Centerville. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services from 10-11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Helen's memory to the Long-Term Care Center at MercyOne Centerville, c/o Mercy Medical Foundation, and St. Mary's Catholic Church, 838 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa 52544 and online condolences may be shared at www.thomasfh.com or facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Helen "Ella" Mae Sacco please visit our Sympathy Store. Cemetery Details Oakland Cemetery State St.

N. 21st St.

Centerville, IA 52544 Visitation SEP 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CDT) St Mary's

Catholic Church 828 S 18thCenterville, IA 52544 Mass of Christian Burial SEP 21.

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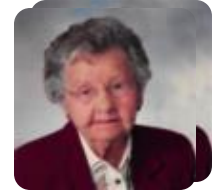


Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 12:26 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 1:04 PM



Cheryl Sheets posted:

I took care of helen at mercy long term care for many years. And when i moved away the first time it was very hard to leave, she was very special to me, we had many long talks and she sent me birthday and Christmas cards. When i would come down there to visit family and friends I would always stop at the hospital and sit and talk to Helen I used to bring her tenderloins which she loved she was so excited when I came back the second time to Mercy Medical Center and I would bring her coffee every morning and get her up for the day then unfortunately I had to leave again because I had to move back up north to take care of my grandchildren it was very hard for me to leave her again but I would always come down and visit her and she would always be so happy to see me I will miss her very much she was a very special lady to me may God bless you and your time of need

September 20 at 7:00 PM



Fairest Of All posted:

Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Helen Ella Mae Sacco.

September 18 at 7:00 PM



Arrive In Style posted:

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Sara Tait posted:

God will comfort you during this difficult time. Take Care. Sara Tait

September 17 at 7:00 PM



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JP

Jerry Power posted:

Margie, Linda and Family, we're truly sorry! I can remember her dropping Margie off at school back in grade school! To me the mark of parents is what their children grow up to be and I would say they did a great job!! I got to know your Dad back when he did the sound at the Fall Festival. May they both rest in peace, they certainly did their earthly job! Jerry and Judy Power

September 17 at 7:00 PM

PR

Patti Slavin Richmond posted:

Margie, Linda, and your families, I am so sorry to hear of Helen's passing. Met her when she worked for Dr. Ritter. So kind to the patients. When Ted Evans had the Retreat, Buddy used to play for dances there. Your Dad and Mom would be some nights. They loved to dance and what fun we had. Helen was a kind and caring person and will certainly be missed by all who knew her. Prayers for comfort, strength and peace.

September 16 at 7:00 PM

KC

Kelly Starchevich Culver posted:

So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for the family.

September 16 at 7:00 PM

JS

Juanita Stroud posted:

Linda, I am so sorry for the loss of your Mother.

September 15 at 7:00 PM

JK

Jane Kruzich posted:

So sorry to hear about your Mother passing away.. I really never knew her but would see her in church. May all of her memories , loved ones & friends help comfort all of you at such a sad time in your lives. Hugs, Janie & Morris Kruzich

September 15 at 7:00 PM



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Jeanie Pratte posted:

Jeanie Pratte lit a candle in memory of Helen Ella Mae Sacco

September 15 at 7:00 PM

JP

Jeanie Pratte posted:

Such good memories of Helen.....her sweetness and kindness in all that she did..... she was my best friends Mother and we send special prayers for the family.....

September 15 at 7:00 PM

DL

Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson posted:

Dear Linda and Margie & Families, Helen was a very special lady and will be missed by many. Please accept our sympathy and prayers.

September 15 at 7:00 PM

BM

Bridget Morton posted:

Helen was such a lovely lady. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Bridget Stepnoski Morton

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Media

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