



Helen Stoffer

May 17, 1924 - February 10, 2020

Helen I. George Stoffer, 95, of Kirksville, Missouri, formerly of Corydon, Iowa, passed away peacefully Monday, February 10, 2020, at Kirksville Manor Care Center.

Helen was the sixth daughter and ninth child of Thomas Edward and Marie Etta (Comstock) George of rural Wayne County, born May 17, 1924, in Wright Township east of Bethlehem, Iowa. She lived on the family farm until she married. She attended eight years at the North Salem one-room schoolhouse, graduating with honors. She attended four years at Corydon High School and graduated third in the class of 1944. Her major was Normal Training, the Art of Teaching. Helen taught one year at the Tuskeego rural school near Lamoni, Iowa, for \$100.00 per month.

Helen married her high school sweetheart, Paul Everett Stoffer, on December 24, 1944, in Carlsbad, New Mexico, where Paul was stationed in the USAF training as an airplane pilot and later in airplane maintenance. To this loving union, three children were born: Paul Eugene, Carl Lynn, and Jennifer Jill.

Helen enjoyed serving in her community and was involved in several organizations, often in leadership roles, including PTA, Hospital Auxiliary, Legion Auxiliary, Band Parents, Christian Women's Fellowship, Prairie Trails Museum, Republican Party, Girl Scouts, Women's Golf League, BPW, Bowling League. She loved family, friends, golf, bowling, square dancing, antiques, genealogy, bridge (belonging to 2-3 groups), and was one of the founding members of ONO. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Corydon.

Helen was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and GG. She was always loving, kind, and creative. In 1947, Helen was in a severe car wreck that left her in a wheelchair, but she showed resiliency and tenacity by teaching herself to walk again surprising her husband. She was a full-time homemaker and a part-time bookkeeper at Stoffer's Automotive. For several years, she had a radio program on KCOG Centerville called "Corydon Comments". She was known far and wide for her beautifully decorated and

delicious cakes. Her cinnamon rolls were always welcome gifts to friends and family, especially at holidays. These words may be black and white, but Helen was a colorful person who has left our lives so very enriched.

Survivors include her children: Gene Stoffer, Carl Stoffer (Sharon), Jill Belling (Wes); grandchildren: Jan Stoffer (Mark Stoffer Hunter), Ed Stoffer (Julie), Kelli Stoffer (Glenn Friese), Shanee Benda (Roy), Tessa Stoffer (Rick Seaton), Kaylee Stoffer (Jesse Willey); 12 great grandchildren and numerous extended family.

Helen's beloved husband of 49 years, Paul, passed away in 1993. She was also preceded in death by her parents, siblings: Infant brother, Richard George, Lucile Robinson, Keith George, Lee George, Ruth Conover, Vera Thomas, Wilma Roberts, Ruby Smith, Raymond George, and daughter-in-law Carol Stoffer.

Funeral service will be 11:00 am, Saturday, February 15, 2020, at the Thomas Funeral Home in Corydon, Iowa, with Pastor Leroy Perkins officiating. Interment will be immediately following at Corydon Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 10-11:00 am. Memorials may be given to the LeCompte Memorial Library or Prairie Trails Museum. Condolences may be shared at www.thomasfh.com or www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome.

Cemetery

Corydon Cemetery

S. West St. & Co Park Road
Corydon, IA, 50060

Events

FEB **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Thomas Funeral Homes - Corydon
303 E. Jefferson, Corydon, IA, US, 50060

FEB **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Sorry to learn of the passing of Aunt Helen. Enjoyed several visits during the Old Settlers , Our sincerest condolences at this time of sorrow,
Your Cousin: Thomas Conover,

Thomas Conover - February 15, 2020 at 04:15 PM



“ Gene and the rest of the family
Sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. Have good memories of her when we stayed at the house before going to the Iowa State Fair. She didn't really know me, but because I was a friend of Carol she opened her home to me.
Just wanted you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers, Didn't hear from you at Christmas so was concerned about your health. Will be praying that your family knows that God will give us strength when we ask.
Sharon Goughnour

Sharon Goughnour - February 15, 2020 at 01:08 PM



“ Kahla Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Helen Stoffer



Kahla Schmidt - February 13, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ Dear Jill (Wes)- I am so sorry to hear if the loss of your mother. She was a wonderful women and I'm glad for the opportunity to know her. She was such a happy lady who loved life and I always enjoyed watching her with visiting children and her w/c dancing, as well as her beautiful smile. She loved watching the birds that Wes made sure the bird feeders were always filled. She will be missed. Heart felt condolences to you and your family-prayers and positive thoughts to you all in this time - Susan Detweiler

Susan Detweiler - February 12, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ So terribly sorry for your family's loss. Sending our heartfelt sympathies & prayers. Helen made a lot of beautiful & yummy cakes, years ago. I will never forget when she first moved into the apt house next to us. One night after dark, Jeff went out by our raised garden area to look for night crawlers. A day or so later, Helen chatted with my Mom uptown & told her where she had recently moved. Mom told her that we lived right beside her on that side of her apt. Helen told her that she had seen some flashing lights by our house a night or two before. So when Mom got home, she called me to see if I knew anything about that? It took me awhile...then laughed & told her it was just Jeff with his flashlight looking for nightcrawlers! Mom called Helen to help ease her mind. We all had a good chuckle!

Dail & Maxine Whiteley,
Jeff & Cindy Stewart



Cindy Stewart - February 11, 2020 at 06:14 PM