

Helen Elaine Erion

Helen was born February 15, 1923, at Grand Island, NE, to Forest Loren, Sr., and Ellen (Sunberg) Huston. She had an older brother, Forest, and sister, Mildred. She was raised on a farm south of Grand Island and attended rural school in district one. She graduated from Grand Island High School in 1940.

Her father passed away six weeks before her graduation. She went to work that fall caring for a family of four.

Her mother, sister, brother-in-law, and nephew moved to Oregon and Helen went to work during the summer of 1941 for her uncle's family.

Helen married her high school sweetheart, Don Erion, April 5, 1942. They moved to Portland, OR, where she worked for the Chase Bag factory. They returned that fall to Grand Island, so Don could be near his folks, as his draft number was coming up. Don was drafted and Helen lived with his parents. They built a home in Grand Island where their four sons were born.

They moved to Minden, NE, where Helen kept books for the Yost Lumber Company where Don was manager.

They moved to Newton, KS, for a short time and then moved to Holdrege, NE. Helen did bookkeeping at the Gamble Store and then later kept books for Perry Lumber Company for seventeen years. She retired from there and a year later Don retired. In 1979, they moved to Sturgis, SD, and they built a home in the beautiful Black Hills.

Helen enjoyed raising a large garden and flowers. Helen was a member of the United Methodist Women. Don and Helen enjoyed "R V" ing for recreation and traveled to many states and Canada.

Helen E. Erion, 93, Sturgis, died Monday, December 5, 2016, at Sturgis Regional Hospital.

Survivors include three sons, Ron (Terry) Erion, Cozad, NE, Dan Erion, Sturgis, and Sam (Linda) Erion, Sturgis; daughter-in-law, Marge (Kermit) Erion Johnson; six grandchildren; and one stepgrandson.

Preceding her in death include her husband, Don; son, David; her parents; brother, Forest, and sister, Mildred.

A memorial has been established to Mountain View Assisted Living in Sturgis.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

In Loving Memory Of



Helen Elaine Erion

1923 ~ 2016



The Broken Chain

*We little knew that morning that
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly.
In death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you.
You did not go alone,
for part of us went with you
the day God called you home.*

*You left us peaceful memories.
Your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you,
you are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one,
the Chain will link again.*

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Born

February 15, 1923
Grand Island, Nebraska

Died

December 5, 2016
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Monday, December 12, 2016, at 2:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Officiant

Rev. Denzel Nonhof

Musician

Marlene Kotab

Musical Selections

"How Great Thou Art"
"Amazing Grace"
"Could I Have This Dance"

Pallbearers

Ron Erion ~ Dan Erion ~ Sam Erion
Josh Erion ~ Toby Erion ~ Michael Erion

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota