

Helen Marie (Johnson) Dunbar

Helen Marie (Johnson) Dunbar was born July 14, 1918, to Clyde and Sylvia Johnson in the village of Big Falls, MN. Sometime later, the family moved to Bemidji, MN, where her father took on several business ventures trying to support a growing family. Helen graduated from the Bemidji school system.

The family then made a final move to McArthur, CA, to start a gas station-bar business. Helen eventually left Minneapolis, MN, to be with her sister, Marian. She then met Jack Dunbar and they were married in 1938 in Minnesota. Jack was a Grayhound bus driver which led to several moves during which time Helen took on sales clerking jobs, mainly for J C Penny's.

Retirement brought them back to McArthur, CA, until Jack's death in 2003. Helen sold their property in 2005 and because of poor health, her niece, Helen Yantes, brought her to Sturgis, SD, in 2007. Recovering (Helen) was able to be in her own apartment and maintain her independence until her death September 7, 2017, at Deadwood Regional Hospital.

Helen is survived by her sister, Therese Johnson of Redding, CA; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Dunbar; her parents; and six siblings.

Helen's legacy is she never met anyone she didn't like and everyone liked her sweet and fun personality. Anyone who knew Helen knew she was a regular at Mineral Palace Gaming, where she was treated like family. They all watched over her and she felt like it was home away from home.

Rest in peace dear soul-You will be missed.

Memorial services will be held Friday, September 15, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Sturgis with Father Timothy Castor officiating. Inurnment will be in Minnesota at a later date.

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

In Loving Memory Of

Helen Marie Dunbar

July 14, 1918 ~ September 7, 2017



To Those I Love

*When I am gone, just release me, let me go –
so I can move into my afterglow.*

*You mustn't tie me down with your tears;
let's be happy that we had so many years.*

*I gave you my love, you can only guess
how much you gave me in happiness.*

*I thank you for the love you each have shown,
but now it's time I traveled on alone.*

*So grieve for me awhile, if grieve you must,
then let your grief be comforted with trust.*

*It's only for a while that we must part,
so bless the memories within your heart.*

*And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home."*

Entrance Hymn: "Prayer of St. Francis' #228

Collect:

Presider: Let us pray....

All: Amen.

First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-6,9

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 27:1 4,7, 8b, 9a. 13-14

"The Lord is My light and my Salvation"

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-35,37-39

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation:

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12a

Presider: The Lord be with you

All: And with your Spirit.

Presider: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily (please be seated)

General Intercessions: **All: Lord, hear our prayer**

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts: "You Are Mine" #281

Liturgy of the Eucharist (Please stand)

Presider: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and
Yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty
Father

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name, for our good
and the good of all his Holy Church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Presider: Through him with him and in him, O God almighty
Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and
honor is yours, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

All: Our Father...

Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit

Presider: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Lamb of God

Presider: Behold the Lamb of God...

**All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my
roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Final Commendation

Song of Farewell "Come to her Aid"



1. Come to his/her aid, O saints of God;
2. May Christ, who called you, take you home,
3. Give him/her e - ter - nal rest, O Lord.
4. I know that my Re - deem - er lives;

1. Come, meet him/her, an - gels of the Lord.
2. And an - gels lead you to A - bra - ham.
3. May light un - end - ing shine on him/her.
4. The last day I shall rise a - gain.

1-4. Re - ceive his/her soul, O ho - ly ones;

1-4. Pre - sent him/her now to God, Most High.

Recessional: "Be Not Afraid" #99

(Please kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer)