

### LITTLE DID WE KNOW

Little did we know that morning  
that God would 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 on 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.



Immediately following Helen's funeral service at the church, the family  
extends you the warmest invitation to join them for refreshments and  
fellowship in the church fellowship hall.



*In Loving Memory  
Helen Larson*

*February 9, 1934 ~ March 13, 2025*

Helen Joyce Nelsen Larson was born on February 9, 1934, to Frederick and Blanche (Fountain) Nelsen in Carpenter, South Dakota. She grew up on the family farm near Carpenter, where she attended Iroquois schools.

On May 24, 1954, Helen married Clarence "Eddie" Larson in Ivanhoe, Minnesota. Together, they raised a beautiful family, welcoming five children into their lives: Gary, Rick, Lori, Scott, and Jodi. The family made their home in the Carpenter and Iroquois areas, where Helen devoted herself to being a loving wife and dedicated mother.

Outside of her family, Helen had a variety of interests. She cherished moments of leisure spent playing cards, solving puzzles, and reading. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, Helen and Eddie shared a love for dancing as members of the Fun Steppers Dance Club. After Eddie passed, Helen enjoyed the camaraderie of the Clark Pinochle Club, being a member for many years. For the last several years, Helen enjoyed getting together and playing cards with the Thursday Afternoon Ladies Card Group.

Helen's legacy is one of kindness, devotion, and joy, and she will be deeply missed by her family and all who knew her. After moving to Huron, Sunday family dinners became a tradition for whoever could make it, quite often all five of her children would be sitting around the table with her. Her philosophy was, "if I cook, they will come." She loved to bake and all the grandchildren knew there were cookies in the freezer.

Grateful for having shared in her life are her children, Gary (Bobbi) Larson of Miller, Rick Larson of Iroquois, Lori Anderson of Huron, Scott Larson of Huron, and Jodi (Duane) Hanson of Huron; 16 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great grandchildren; her sister-in-law, Mary Wienk of De Smet; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Eddie in 1989; her parents Fred and Blanch Nelsen; brothers Wendell Nelsen, Bob Nelsen, and Lloyd Nelsen; sisters Betty Wildfang, Carol Nelsen, Vivian Bruns, and Wanda Hart; son-in-law, Richard Anderson; Eddie's 11 siblings and their spouses who were very special to Helen.



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### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

11:00 a.m. ~ Friday, March 20, 2025  
Riverview United Methodist Church  
Huron, South Dakota

**OFFICIANT**  
Pastor Buck Hill

**MUSIC**  
Beth Neitzert ~ Violinist & Pianist  
Special Music  
Brenden Matthews ~ Megan Larson  
Dick Poppen ~ Jerad Poppen

**CASKETBEARERS**  
Carter Hanson ~ Wesley Fullerton ~ Brenden Matthews  
Marcus Anderson ~ Damarion Anderson ~ Lincoln Artz

**HONORARY CASKETBEARERS**  
Dominique Williams ~ Garret Johnson ~ Ethan Johnson  
Owen Fullerton ~ Dayton Matthews  
Ayden Germinal ~ Aydrien Germinal

**INTERMENT**  
St. Paul's Catholic Cemetery  
Iroquois, South Dakota