



Helen Ruth Christensen

February 22, 1928 - July 26, 2012

Helen Ruth Christensen
(nee Burkhardt)

Age 84, of Gardner, IL, passed away Thursday, July 26, 2012 at Heritage Health in Dwight, IL. Born February 22, 1928 in Coal City, IL to the late Orville and Jennie (nee Goldie) Burkhardt. Helen was previously employed at Fox Center in Dwight, IL and the South Wilmington Schools as a cook. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in South Wilmington, Royal Neighbors, and Senior Citizens of Grundy County. Helen was very well known for her wonderful baking and she also had a wonderful gift of making everyone feel as they were special. Surviving are two sons, William (Diane) Christensen of Fairborn, OH and Dean (Linda) Christensen of Gardner; two daughters, Lynn (Craig) Patten of Dwight, IL and Lori (Thomas) Sebek of Gardner; twelve grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; two brothers, James (Shirley) Burkhardt of Joliet, IL and Richard (Fern) Burkhardt of Dwight; and several nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death was her husband, Lyle George Christensen; one grandson, Jonathan Christensen; one brother, William Burkhardt; three sisters, Patricia (John) Landers, Aileen (Harold) Gentry, and Dian Burkhardt; and one sister-in-law, Arla Wilson. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial service will be at the United Methodist Church in South Wilmington, Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Kevin Boesen will officiate. Inurnment will be in Goodfarm Cemetery in

Gardner. The visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., South Wilmington Chapel, Tuesday, from 9-10:45 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name may be made to the United Methodist Church or OSF Hospice in Bloomington. Please sign the online guestbook at www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Goodfarm Cemetery

Located across from Trinity Lutheran
Church:515 E. Stonewall Rd.
Dwight, IL 60420

Previous Events

Service

JUL 31. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church - South Wilmington
Rice Road
South Wilmington, IL

Tribute Wall

KW

“ *Bill, Dean, Lynn and Lori.....
I am so sorry, I just heard of your mom's passing in July. I always loved your mom & dad. They were so special to our family through the years and have the fondest memories of you all. As kids, it was always so much fun to come out to the farm to play....such great adventures! And your mom's cooking was the greatest! Our parents are all together again in peace.
Fond regards,
Karen Graf-Wagner and Debra Graf-Kane*

Karen-Graf Wagner6 - November 04, 2012 at 09:49 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Helen Christensen Video Tribute*



Sara Foote - August 02, 2012 at 04:07 PM

PA

“ *Lynn and family,
My deepest sympathies to all of you. Just having lost my own mother I know how difficult it is. I was very fond of Helen and will always remember the times I shared with her and Lynn. May God bless you and give you strength to go through this sad time and the days ahead.
With love,
Pam Atchison*

Pam Atchison - July 31, 2012 at 06:21 PM

SE

“ Bill - I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. May God keep you in this time of grief.

Sue LaReau Eich

Sue Eich - July 30, 2012 at 11:15 PM

AN

“ On behalf of Fr. Mario Quejadas and the parishioners of St. Martin of Tours Kankakee, I would like to express our sincerest condolences to your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



May God's blessings of love and peace be upon you.

Aimee Flor Nellas - July 30, 2012 at 10:14 AM

TF

“ Lori, I am so sorry for your loss. Your Mom was such a sweet woman. I remember growing up next door. She would always have something sweet to eat. I remember rhubarb crisp the best. When I was little she would always let me play on the piano in the back room. We will have you and the kids in our thoughts and prayers.

Tiffany (Duckwitz) Welsh & Family - July 30, 2012 at 08:50 AM

BF

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becci and rick forsythe - July 30, 2012 at 05:58 AM

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CM

“My deepest sympathy is given to Helen's entire family-Helen was a wonderful friend and mother - I have had the pleasure of knowing Helen since I was 4 years old and grew up with her and her daughter Lori,we did many church activities together with my Grandma Ciluffo and Helen -and to this day I still think of her wonderful cream puffs that she made for us all - they were always the best !!! Helen was truly a wonderful women and she will be dearly missed by all-Love to you all Christi Ciluffo-Meredith xoxo

christi meredith - July 29, 2012 at 07:23 PM

KK

“Lori, we are all so very sorry for the loss of your dear Mom. You were a wonderful, caring and loving daughter. She is free now. We are here to love and support you, Karla

Karla Kuriger - July 29, 2012 at 09:36 AM

LL

BC and Family
Sorry to hear of the lose of your Mother; Prayers and Thoughts come your way. May be Hand of Our Lord Comfort each of you during this period and always. Rest assured she is now at Peace!

Larry and Jane Ledford
California City, CA 93505

Larry Allen Ledford - August 01, 2012 at 04:16 PM