



## Helen Mae Hoffman

November 7, 1925 - April 22, 2017

Helen Hoffman, age 91, of Richey Montana passed away at the McCone County Health Center in Circle, Montana on Saturday, April 22, 2017. A family and friends service will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at the Richey Alliance Church. Visitation will be held from 9:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at the Richey Alliance Church. Funeral services will be at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at the Richey Alliance Church with Pastor Paul Sponheim and Pastor Vaughn White officiating. Interment will be in the Richey Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Helen Mae was born November 7, 1925 in Central City, Nebraska, the daughter of Cecil and Katie Johnston. In 1929 the family moved to Retah Table near Richey Montana. She attended Montana Pleasant School through the eighth grade. She attended St. Paul Bible College where she received her GED and also graduated college. She married Edwin J. Quade in Minnesota on July 25, 1951. He passed away on November 25, 1951 while serving in Korea. She returned to Richey and married Harold Hoffman on February 28, 1953. They farmed in the Richey until 1956, when they moved to Sidney, Montana. In 1962 they moved to Great Falls, Montana, and returned back to Richey in 1978.

Helen loved the Lord and was always ready to serve. She was active in the women's missionary groups in the Alliance churches in Sidney, Great Falls, and Richey. She spent many years teaching Sunday school to small children. Hospitality was her gift and she opened their home to serve meals or offer a place to sleep to visiting missionaries, special speakers, and groups that came to the church. There were many Sundays after church when someone from the church would be coming over for lunch. She always kept a big garden and always canned the produce. She baked her own bread for many years and caramel rolls were a favorite of her children and grandchildren. She made homemade sauerkraut, and the Moss grandkids were always plotting to take home a jar. Favorite foods she made were fried green tomatoes, wieners and sauerkraut, baked mac & cheese with the burnt cheese on top, waffle cookies, knoephla fried with potatoes and strudla – it took many years for mom to make it like Grandma Hoffman and there usually was very little left over. Strudla was a favorite of all the grandkids and Melissa's because it meant there was company from far away were visiting. When Melissa was young she love to go

along with mom to take meals out to the field. That meant they got to play out on the farm and ride in the machines and trucks. She always kept her flower gardens full of flowering plants, and weeds did not stand a chance. When she weeded her flowerbeds or garden she would bend at the waist to pull them. There were many family & church outings, picnics in the park, camping, fishing, floating the Missouri River in a raft, and going into the mountains to cut our own Christmas tree. She was always willing to help the kids deliver papers on their paper route. She sewed a lot of the clothing her and Judy wore and taught Judy how to sew for herself.

She was preceded in death by her parents Cecil & Katie Johnston; first husband Edwin; brothers Dave, Eugene, and Lawrence; sisters Ruth, Mary, and Marjorie; and grandson Derek Hoffman.

She is survived by her husband Harold of Richey; sons Mark (Janice) Hoffman of Ulm Montana and Jerry (Judie) Hoffman of Richey; daughter Judy (Ken) Moss of Minot North Dakota; grandchildren Melissa Hoffman, Ryan Moss, Amanda (Kevin) Dockter, Anna (Justin) Peterson, and Charlie Hoffman; and eight great grandchildren.

Memorials in Helen's name are suggested to Sunrise Women's Clinic, P.O. Box 1086, Sidney, Montana 59270.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at:

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# Events

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**APR 26** **Family & Friends Service** 07:00PM

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Richey Alliance Church

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**APR 27** **Visitation** 09:00AM - 10:00AM

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**APR 27** **Service** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Both Helen & Harold were instrumental in our folks' spiritual growth in their early years as a couple in Great Falls. Helen was the most hospitable woman I knew. Even at an early age I could see she was a prayer warrior. Prayers of comfort for Harold & family. Colleen Haney (TETERUD) Malta , MT

**Colleen Haney** - April 25, 2017 at 05:10 PM

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“ Helen had a heart for missions and was a true prayer warrior. We will miss her sweet calls to see if everything was ok when we would miss a couple of Sundays in church, her precious smiles and her fun laugh.

Dale & Glenda Kreiman

**Glenda Kreiman** - April 25, 2017 at 12:25 PM