



## Helen J. Flaten

March 28, 1921 - May 20, 2016

Helen J. Flaten, age 95, of Wibaux, Montana, a long time resident of Carpio, North Dakota, passed away on Friday, May 20, 2016 at the Wibaux County Nursing Home with family by her side. A Graveside Service will be held at 11:00 A.M. C.S.T. on Friday, May 27, 2016 at the Riverview Cemetery in Williston, North Dakota with Pastor Martin Mock officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Helen J. Lee was born on March 28, 1921 to Ole O. and Mary (Sundby) Lee on the family farm in Hebron Township, Williams County, North Dakota. Helen was baptized and confirmed at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Hebron Township. She received her education at the rural Pioneer School and graduated from Williston High School with the class of 1939.

Helen was united in marriage to Harless Sydney Flaten on November 2, 1941 at St. Luke's Church. Helen and Harless made their home in Williston, North Dakota until 1944. They spent the next seven years in Poplar, Montana and a short time in Kenmare, North Dakota before settling in Carpio in 1952, where she raised their family. After Harless's passing in 2005, Helen continued to reside with her son, Morris in Carpio. When she was 92, Helen moved from her home to the Golden Valley County Manor in Beach and then to the Wibaux County Nursing Home.

As the youngest daughter of Norwegian immigrants, Helen was proud of her heritage and the household duties she had growing up on the farm. She was an excellent homemaker, her table always prepared with wonderful

homemade meals and treats for afternoon coffee. She had a strong Christian faith and was a member of the Carpio Lutheran Church. In her younger years she was active in Sunday School, bible studies and church women's groups. Helen is survived by her four children, son Morris Flaten of Carpio, daughter Jean (Charles) Bodden Jr. of Kingman, Arizona and their children Charles "Charlie" (Lisa) Bodden III of Tucson, Arizona and James (Melissa) Bodden of Chandler, Arizona, son Allen (Denise) Flaten of Grand Forks, North Dakota and their children, David (Brooke) Flaten of Grand Forks, Garth Flaten of Des Moines, Iowa and Anna (Brennan) Dyk of Fargo, North Dakota and daughter Joan "Jo" (Tom) Heckaman of Beach and their children Stacey (Paul) Swanson of Beach, Thomas (Kate) Heckaman of Vadnais Heights, Minnesota and Mattie (Jude) Anheluk of Minneapolis, Minnesota; seven great-grandchildren, Hayley, Tommy and Jacky Heckaman, Freddy and Arty Anheluk, Neil Bodden (Charlie and Lisa) and Charlotte Bodden (Jim and Melissa); two step great-grandsons, Storm and Steffan Swanson; two sisters-in-law, Darlene Lee of Williston and Thelma Henson of Las Vegas, Nevada and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ole and Mary; her husband of 63 years, Harless S. Flaten; her infant daughter, Hildur Ann; her infant son, Sydney Eugene; her granddaughter, Kristen Flaten; and all of her siblings: four brothers, Oscar, Ingvald, Arthur and Raymond Lee; and eight sisters, Otelia Hillstead, Karen Arnson, Mabel Aafedt, Ella Nelson, Ruth Haugen, Inez Arnson, Mae Gjorven and infant Ines Lee.

Memorials are preferred to go to the Carpio Lutheran Church or the radio ministry of First Lutheran Church of Williston.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Riverview Cemetery  
805 9th Ave. W  
Williston, ND 58801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen J. Flaten*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Please accept my family's heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort in fond memories, and The Almighty God's promise in The Bible, to restore those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth.*

**Greene Family** - May 28, 2016 at 08:55 AM



“ *Wonderful memories growing up next door to Flatens in Carpio...and of course when we were all kids there was always some sort of "treat" from our Moms...cookies, koolaid, etc.*

*Thanks Helen for helping us all grow up!*

*Bob Ostgulen*

**Bob Ostgulen** - May 25, 2016 at 09:34 PM



“ *Hello cousins,  
Monna and I were so happy to see her in Medora at the last reunion. I had to have a picture taken with her. We always enjoyed visiting with your parents. May your recollections of her in your very close family bring you happiness.*

*Dave and Monna Haugen*

**David and Monna Haugen** - May 24, 2016 at 09:34 PM

AK

“ I'm sorry Jo for the mistake I made---it should of of said Ole and Mary

alice kunick - May 23, 2016 at 07:03 PM

AK

“ So sorry to hear of your mothers passing. She was the last of Ole and Alice's family and Ed and Alice's family. Will miss them all. Prayers to you all. Alice Kunick out here in California.

alice kunick - May 23, 2016 at 06:56 PM

DA

“ To Helen's Family, We send our sincere sympathy to all of you. We always enjoyed visiting Harless and Helen. It was so good to see her at the last Lee Reunion. She was always so kind and thoughtful. Our Love and PRAYERS, Don and Ann Arnson

Don and Ann Arnson - May 23, 2016 at 05:48 PM

PH

Helen's family...wasn't she a peach. Every time she came to our house she made my day. Her attitude and special charisma made my day. I do not know if she ever knew this. She is the last of the family and so it is. My blessings to the family. Take care and God Bless.

Nephew Paul Haugen - I will miss you but not forget you.

Paul Haugen - May 24, 2016 at 09:54 PM