



Helen Jeanette Reiter

January 26, 1924 - June 24, 2020

Helen Reiter, 96, died on June 24, 2020 at the Wibaux County Nursing Home in Wibaux Montana with family by her side, due to complications of old age. Memorial service will be held at a later date at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Mandan ND. Arrangements by Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux. Helen was born in Beach North Dakota on January 26, 1924, at the home of her parents John and Mary (Marks) Metzger. After the deaths of both parents, and with the blessing of all of the older siblings, Helen Jeanette, age 4, became the precious adopted child of Ted and Mary Dickinson who lived only 2 blocks away.

Helen graduated from Beach High School in 1942, and went on to nursing school at Abbott-Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. She was a member of the Nurse Cadets during her training. Heading to Beach on the train during a school break she met Henry Reiter, a soldier on leave from the Army Air Corps, heading to his hometown of Laurel Montana. They were soon married at the Dickinson's house on January 27, 1946. They lived briefly in Laurel, then moved to Beach.

Helen and Hank raised their 3 children Mary Sue, Jani Lynn and Ted William while Hank worked with his in-laws at Dickinson's Department Store. Helen was active in Eastern Star, Homemakers Club and American Legion Auxiliary. She was a very good seamstress and made beautiful clothing for herself and the family.

After the children were older, Helen began working at the store too, greatly

enjoying the customers and being active on Main Street. Helen and Hank traveled many miles following their son's sports, and later to visit kids and grandkids scattered all over. She visited Germany in 1986.

In 2007, Helen moved to the Golden Valley Manor in Beach. She loved all the activities there, and friends old and new. In 2012 a series of strokes required her to be admitted to the Wibaux Co. Nursing Home.

She is survived by her daughters Mary (Jim) Lawin, Dickinson ND, Janet Sykora, St Cloud MN, and daughter-in-law Marsha (Maus) Reiter, Hatton ND. Her grandchildren are: Anne Hartwig, Chad Sykora, Erika Snow, Todd Sykora, Teddi OLoughlin, Elizabeth Swaby, Scott Reiter, and Abby Reiter. Her 19 great-grandchildren are: Riley, Blake, Daisy, Jake, Grace, Henry, Caelem, Oliver, James, Sam, Brennan, Evelyn, Aurora, Teagan, Kinley, Stella, Ireland, Colt, and William.

Helen was preceded in death by Hank-her husband of 63 years, son Ted Reiter, son in-law Everett Sykora, Metzger siblings Philbea, Jack, Harley, Eleanor, George and Ella, her parents, and infant brother Teddy Dickinson. Any memorials will be given to the ND Veterans Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery

1825 46th Street
Mandan, ND 58554

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Jeanette Reiter*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Jeff & Missy Nelson And Family lit a candle in memory of Helen Jeanette Reiter*



Jeff & Missy Nelson and Family - June 30, 2020 at 02:59 AM



“ *Mark And Dawn Egan lit a candle in memory of Helen Jeanette Reiter*



Mark and Dawn Egan - June 28, 2020 at 07:50 PM



“ *Gary & Susan Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Helen Jeanette Reiter*



Gary & Susan Lawrence - June 27, 2020 at 12:13 PM

LG

“ We knew Helen when she worked at the Dickinson store. The store was fabulous and so was she. I clearly remember what a great person she was.

Laura & Bud Griffin

Laura Griffin - June 27, 2020 at 08:43 AM

VL

“ I remember what a warm and caring lady she was. Always so gracious and courteous. My thoughts and prayers to her family.

Virginia Lechler - June 27, 2020 at 08:22 AM

PT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. We will always remember this wonderful lady.

Paul & Pat Thompson - June 26, 2020 at 05:56 PM

DN

What a beautiful lady. Always enjoyed her friendship. May God bless her. Marie and Don Nistler

Donald R Nistler - June 27, 2020 at 08:18 AM

GL

We enjoyed visiting with Helen & Hank over 50 some years ago at the Dickinson Store. Cowboy boots always! Helen was a joy at the WCNH! We visited every day ! She loved the chocolate and magazines I brought her. I am so sad she passed away, a lovely lady I will treasure always.

Gary & Susan Lawrence - June 27, 2020 at 12:27 PM

PF

Helen & hank were such treasures to the communities of beach & Wibaux...their friendship & the store were such a blessing for many many years! we will never forget them.

Pat Feldmann - June 28, 2020 at 08:10 PM