



Helen V. Engle

November 4, 1922 - May 12, 2012

A Funeral Mass for Helen will be held on Friday, May 18, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Geneva with Father Tom Walsh and Father Richard Piontkowski, Jr. officiating.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2012, 1:00 p.m. with family greeting friends from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva. A Rosary will be held at Farmer & Son Funeral Home at 7:00 p.m. with Monsignor Ivan Vap officiating.

Memorials are directed to the Catholic Social Services.

Helen Vivian Engle (Weis) was born to John Robert Weis and Margaret Elizabeth (Jungers) Weis on November 4, 1922, at Geneva, Nebraska and was called to her Savior, Saturday, May 12, 2012 at Bickford Cottage in Grand Island, Nebraska at the age of 89 years, 6 months, 8 days. Helen was one of eight children in the family.

Helen attended grade school at St. Joseph's parochial school and graduated from Geneva High School in 1941. After high school she worked at the local "5 and 10 Cent Store", working up to Assistant Manager. She also worked at the ASCS Office. Helen met Harold Engle at a dance at the Fairgrounds in Geneva, and they were united in marriage on August 17, 1950. Her husband was drafted into the army on Valentine's Day 1951. After Harold's basic training, Helen accompanied him to Missouri and Wisconsin, until he was deployed to Germany. During that time, she wrote daily letters to Harold. Upon Harold's return from the army, they established their family farm and livestock

operation.

Their marriage was blessed with five children. Helen was a dedicated mother, who helped on the family farm moving pipe or bales, taking care of the chickens, cattle and hogs, and even driving the tractors and trucks in the field. Helen enjoyed her role as a farm wife and mother.

Gardening was Helen's passion, where she enjoyed the beauty of her flowers and canning the produce from her large garden. Helen loved watching and listening to birds, especially the beautiful song of the wren.

The kitchen was Helen's favorite room of the house. She was a delicious cook and enjoyed baking, especially cookies, kolaches, and pies. Daily she served these baked goods for morning and afternoon lunch for the men on the farm. Her grandchildren all have fond memories of Grandma's Christmas cookies and her delicious crescent rolls, which she made by the dozens for family gatherings

In the colder months, Helen could be found crocheting beautiful afghans and doilies. She was an avid Husker fan always listening or watching the games. Helen lived her life serving God and was a lifetime member of St. Joseph's church in Geneva, where she was a member of the Altar Society. Helen was a devoted Catholic, and she was a positive influence to many who witnessed her commitment to her faith and love of God.

Shortly after her husband's death in 2006, Helen fell, breaking her hip, forcing her to leave her lifetime residence on the farm. She moved into Heritage Crossings Assisted Living until July 2009 when she moved to Bickford Cottage in Grand Island, Nebraska where she resided until her passing.

Those left to cherish her memory include her sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Verona Engle of Geneva, NE, Robert and Patricia Engle of Geneva, NE, daughters and son-in-laws, Susan and Thomas Ronhovde, Eagle, NE, Debra and David Neville of Grand Island, NE, twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, sister and brother-in-law, Mary and John O'Brien of Geneva, NE, sister-in-laws Eve Weis, of Portland, OR, Margaret Weis of Salem, OR, extended family and many friends.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, infant son, Lawrence, grandchildren Gregory Neville and Kristin Engle, brothers and sister-in-laws Sylvester and Doris, Clarence and Alice, Francis and Alice Ann, brother Joe and sisters and brother-in-laws Mildred and Joe Hayen, Lavina and Joe Reinsch.

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“ We are so saddened to hear of the loss of your dear Mother. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
You have our deepest sympathy, Mark and Yogi

Mark and Diane - May 15, 2012 at 10:41 PM

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“ Sorry to hear about you lost Jerry. I have lost both of my parents and we must remember they are in a better place now. May God help you though your time of need. Remember the good times they help heal the heart.

Charline Lareau (Baker) - May 15, 2012 at 09:18 AM

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“ So very Sorry to hear of your Loss!
She was a Very Special Lady and will be Missed by All that knew her.
God's Blessings to You and Your Families at this time

Bridgette Flohrs - May 14, 2012 at 04:15 PM