



Helen Jovina Garry

June 18, 1927 - April 2, 2016

Helen Jovina (Kollasch) Garry was born June 18, 1927 in Swea City, Iowa to Elmer and Mary (Matheis) Kollasch. She grew up in Swea City, where she attended and graduated from high school. As a young girl, Helen enjoyed all types of music, and she played the French horn in her high school band. She loved dancing and roller skating, and excelled in her math and reading.

Helen married Thomas William Garry at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ledyard, Iowa, and to this union, four children were born; Bill, Sandy, Cindi, and Tom. Helen has made her home in Storm Lake, Iowa, and Grand Island, Nebraska and has spent the last several years in Elkhorn, Nebraska.

Helen worked for a time at Mountain States Telephone Company, and then spent several years working for Holiday Inn as a Food and Beverage Manager. She also owned thoroughbred race horses, and greatly enjoyed time spent at the races. She was a voracious reader, and enjoyed baking, gardening, and having lunch with friends. Most of all, she loved raising her four children, and all the time spent with them and her grandchildren and great grandchildren, whom she loved dearly.

Helen could often be found watching old family videos, enjoying a glass of chardonnay, or cheering on the Huskers. She loved classical music, and the song, "The Rose", and could be heard instructing, "neatness counts, kids", or

reminding someone, "you can tell a German, but you can't tell them much". Her favorite was a meal at Boyd & Charlie's, or a dish of ice cream, but she was frustrated by cashiers who couldn't count change back properly. Helen was a hard-working, quick-witted, responsible, loving woman, who was kind to all she met. She will be remembered for her independence, and for being a fun-loving, caring lady with a strong faith in God and love for her family.

Helen died on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at her daughter, Cindi's house in Elkhorn, Nebraska at the age of 88 years, 9 months, and 14 days. She was preceded in death by her oldest son William Garry, her father Elmer Kollasch and mother Mary Kollasch. Helen is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law Sandy and David Humphrey, of Aurora, CO, and Cindi and Bill Marston, of Elkhorn, NE, son and daughter-in-law Tom and Cindy Garry, of Elkhorn, NE. Grandchildren Jenna, Tom and Luke Marston, Joe, Erin, Billy and Michael Garry, Josh, Derik and Jessica Abraham and Andrea and Wyatt Simpson. Great grandchildren, Addison and Pacer Simpson, who all loved her dearly.

GARRY - Helen J., age 88, Elkhorn, passed away peacefully on April 2, 2016 at her home. Preceded in death by her son William Garry, father Elmer Kollasch and mother Mary Kollasch. Survived by her daughters and sons-in-law Sandy and David Humphrey, Aurora, Co, and Cindi and Bill Marston, Elkhorn, son and daughter-in-law Tom and Cindy Garry, Elkhorn. Grandchildren Jenna, Tom and Luke Marston, Joe, Erin, Billy and Michael Garry, Josh, Derik and Jessica Abraham and Andrea and Wyatt Simpson. Great grandchildren, Addison and Pacer Simpson, who all loved her dearly.

Visitation Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at Reichmuth Funeral Home from 4 to 7 PM with a Wake service at 7 PM. Funeral Mass on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 10:30 AM at St. John's Catholic Church in Valley, Nebraska. Inurnment at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Elkhorn. Memorials to St Jude's Childrens Hospital.

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Jovina Garry*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *I mowed Helen's yard and delivered her newspapers on Sheridan street in Grand Island back in the early 1990's when i was a teenager. She was a wonderful woman and taught me a lot about hard work.*

Corey Cline - January 10, 2017 at 02:29 PM



“ *Sandy, Cindy, Tom and family,
There are no words right now that will ease the pain, only time will do that. Please know you all in my thoughts and prayers.
Spending so much time with Sandy (my best friend), I had the pleasure of talking with Helen, and sometimes persuading her, Sandy and I were just going to a football or basketball game.
Helen was beautiful not only on the outside, but also on the inside. When ever I saw Helen she looked so impeccable, even if she was going to work. Helen was kind, soft spoken, and easy to talk to. Her beautiful smile said it all.
Helens whole world revolved around her children, the love between them over flowed the grand canyon. I had never met a single mom who worked so long and hard to provide for the family. Not a selfish bone in her body.
There will always be a soft spot for Helen in my heart, the memories I have, and when I close my eyes, I see her smile and her twinkling eyes.
Memories last forever! Love to all of you!! Vivian*

Vivian Holtzinger - April 07, 2016 at 09:56 AM

TK

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.

Tim, Margaret, Reid, Blake and Kaylynn - April 06, 2016 at 10:36 PM

BM

“ Sandy, Cindi & Tom,
My deepest sympathies to you and your families. Helen was a lovely lady and will really be missed. I don't remember ever seeing her without a smile. I am very sorry I will not be able to attend the funeral but unfortunately my work schedule won't allow it.
My best to all of you.
Bob Muller

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