



Helen Quinn

April 27, 1928 - October 27, 2023

Helen Quinn, age 95, of Carroll, died October 27, 2023, at St Anthony Nursing Home surrounded by her family.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Friday, November 10, 2023 at St. Lawrence Church – St. John Paul II Parish in Carroll. Music will be by Jane Heithoff. Mass Servers will be Lucy Potthoff, Liam Quinn, and Zoey Quinn. Lectors will be Mike Potthoff, Dan Murphy and Luke Quinn. Gift Bearers will be Martin Murphy, Liz Warthan, and Mattie Potthoff. Casket Bearers will be Daniel Murphy, Martin Murphy, Robert Quinn, Michael Quinn, Luke Quinn, Michael Potthoff, Arty Donner, Harry Donner, and Christopher Warthan. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

Visitation will be held from 9:30-10:45 a.m. at St. Lawrence Church prior to the Funeral Mass.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be left at the church for St. Anthony Nursing Home.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Helen's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Helen Mary Carol Busche Quinn was born on April 27, 1928, in Carroll Iowa. She was born in a boxcar home in Maple Park of Carroll. She is the daughter of Anna (Skalla) and George Busche. She attended St. Angela's Academy until graduation.

On April 23, 1949, she married Robert D Quinn. She began working at Northwestern Bell Company at age 18 and was a working mother throughout her life. To this union were 5 children: Colleen, Dan, Cathy, Mary, and Kelly. They enjoyed entertaining and playing cards with friends. They were active members of St Lawrence Church and Helen was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America and St Anthony Auxiliary. In her early years of marriage, she taught physical education at Kuemper High School and worked full time at the telephone company. She was one of the fourteen members that helped start the St Anthony Hospital Auxiliary group.

On January 18, 1960, Helen was an operator at the telephone company for the Miracle Landing of the Lakers Plane in Carroll. She was the operator on line the entire night connecting people to loved ones, to get aid, and to ensure quick communication that all needs were met.

On Feb 2, 1978, Bob died at the age of 52. Helen continued with Northwestern Bell with a move to Des Moines, IA for 9 years. Her job description changed and expanded to Pioneer President. This role took her to Europe and Asia as a spokeswoman for the company. She loved traveling and all the people she would meet along the way.

She began traveling the Midwest for the phone company giving in-service speeches and educational talks to employees in the telephone company about new technology and growth in the company. In 1984 she was chosen by the company to represent them for the 1984 Summer Olympics. She was a lead driver behind the Olympic Torch runner that went from Portland OR to

Sacramento CA.

Then in 1988, Helen was given the opportunity to move to Omaha where she settled in with new friends, church, and family. This is where she retired from the telephone company and celebrated her 40 years of service. She became a CCD teacher, Von Maur wrapping employee, and active member and volunteer of St. Leo's church while in Omaha.

In the fall of 2008, she made a full circle and came back to Carroll where she enjoyed life reminiscing with friends and living close to family.

Helen entered St Anthony's Nursing Home in January 2019 where the dedicated staff embraced her and made her feel at home. A special thank you to all the staff at St Anthony's Nursing Home.

Survivors include her children: Colleen Quinn of Omaha; Dan (Sara) Quinn of Columbia, Missouri; Cathy (Scott) Potthoff of Carroll, Mary (Mick) Donner of Dunedin, Florida; Kelly (Greg) Warthan of Redfield; sister-in-law Judy Quinn of Carlsbad, California. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren, along with many loving nieces and nephews.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; parents, George and Annie Busche; siblings and their spouses, George (Elyane Montgomery) Busche, Melvin (Maxine Schenkelberg) Busche, Agnes (George) Neil, Clara (Mel) Simon, Florence (Del) Farrell; brother-in-law, William Quinn; and grandson, Patrick Donner; and parents-in-law: Dan and Hazel (Brown) Quinn.

Previous Events

Mass of the Christian Burial

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II Parish-St. Lawrence Church
1607 N West St
Carroll, IA 51401
(712) 792-9244

Tribute Wall

MM

“ 1 file added to the album *Grandma Helen*



Martin Murphy - November 11, 2023 at 03:51 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Helen Quinn.



November 08, 2023 at 07:09 PM

SK

“ Helen was such a sweet, loving, softspoken lady. Always knew me, and asked about family. A very kind lady. Just like her daughter. Heaven got another angel. Hugs to you, Cathy & Scott, your families and all the Quinn families

Sandy & Kev - November 08, 2023 at 05:33 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Quinn.



November 08, 2023 at 05:20 PM

SG

“ Shawn G. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Quinn.

Shawn G. - November 08, 2023 at 01:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Helen Quinn.



November 08, 2023 at 12:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Helen Quinn.



November 08, 2023 at 12:08 PM

MP

“ Maureen P. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Helen Quinn.



Maureen P. - November 08, 2023 at 09:01 AM

LT

“ Sending my sympathies and hugs to the Quinn family. Helen always made me feel like family. Love to all. Laure Schmitz Tracy

Laure Tracy - November 07, 2023 at 07:45 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Helen Quinn.



November 07, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“ Greg Warren planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Quinn.

Greg Warren - November 07, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“ To the family of Helen,
So many wonderful memories of Helen. Our parents were such good friends of Bob and Helen and we spent a lot of time at their house. She was a special lady in my heart. Sympathy and hugs to all the family.
Bev (Fuller) Sides

Bev Sides - November 07, 2023 at 05:47 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Quinn.



November 07, 2023 at 01:39 PM

EM

“ *To the Family of Helen,*

I just read the beautiful obituary on Helen. Wow, she led a very full, rewarding, and meaningful life, that's for sure. I am so glad that we had the good fortune of being neighbors when our family moved from the Netherlands to the United States. We fondly remember the many great moments we shared with this special lady.

We are sorry for your loss and just hope the many happy memories you recall of Helen in the coming years, will bring a smile to your face.

*Hugs and Love,
Erna*



Erna Morain - November 06, 2023 at 05:23 PM

JQ

“ *Another wonderful memory of Helen and Bob from Judy Quinn....when they visited Bill and me in L. A. before Bob passed away, we all went dancing in the L.A Bonaventure Hotel, where Bill was the Manager at the time. They looked mesmerized when dancing to the song "Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree...that's a memory I enjoy every time I hear that song!*

Judy Quinn - November 05, 2023 at 10:08 PM

JQ

“ 1 file added to the album photos



Judy Quinn - November 02, 2023 at 03:00 PM

JQ

“ On my first visit to Carroll to see Helen, Bob and the kids, Bill and I wanted to take them to dinner. I called the Operator to get the phone number for the restaurant and the Operator said "What do you want that for"!! Imagine my surprise that it was Helen! What an awesome person, my sister-in-law! Judy Quinn

Judy Quinn - November 02, 2023 at 01:14 AM

RI

The first thing I thought of was she finally is with Bob again

Helen and I talked forever while I was waiting for Dan to get ready for whatever it was we were up to that night...I was 17. What an awesome lady.

She was like a second Mom in fact that is what we all called her.

Rest in please awesome Lady!

richg@dbaco.com - November 04, 2023 at 09:35 AM

SR

“ My sympathy goes out to the Quinn family. I knew Helen as a neighbor across the street and dear friend. What a lovely lady -- we had so much fun together-she had such a sense of humor and stories to tell. We had many heart to heart talks as we bonded. Miss her dearly --Sue Romey

Sue Romey - October 31, 2023 at 03:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Helen Quinn.

October 31, 2023 at 02:39 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Helen Quinn.



October 31, 2023 at 02:17 PM



“ My sympathy to all of you. Helen was such a sweet lady. Enjoyed having her at CDA when she could. May she rest in peace.

Bev Vonnahme - October 31, 2023 at 11:58 AM



“ She always good to my family. She would go out of way to make our son feel special. She will be so missed!! We send her and her families all our love!

Annette ,Scott, Steven Storesund - October 31, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Martin Murphy - October 30, 2023 at 07:33 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Grandma Helen*



Daniel Murphy - October 30, 2023 at 06:24 PM

EY

“ *This sweet lady was my brownie leader . We little girls admired her so much.
Rest in peace Helen.*

Eileen Reiff Yung - October 30, 2023 at 04:14 PM

GD

“ *Dear sweet Helen making friends with my mom in the nursing home. She was an angel! Mom was delighted with her new found friend, she loved talking with her, inviting her to our family gatherings, we embraced her and she in return. Our sympathies to Helen's families. Helena Tank and families*

Gwen Detlefsen - October 30, 2023 at 08:38 AM

CL

“ *Helen & Bob were my 2nd parents back in the 70's. I stayed at their house so many times, I can't even count them. Mary is my very good friend. I love this family so much. Helen never forgot me & could tell me things I didn't even remember. Such a sweet, sweet lady. I will miss her too. R.IP. Helen. I love you.*

Claudia Loneman - October 28, 2023 at 09:38 PM

MM

My deepest sympathy to the Family of Helen, she was a very special Lady, I worked with her at Northwestern Bell Telephone Co, for 15 years, what a great a lady she was. May all her memories bring you love. Mary Ann Moore

Mary Ann Moore - October 29, 2023 at 11:36 AM

DF

My sympathy to all Helen's family! She was a great lady! I enjoyed working with her at the phone company! God Bless her always ❤️

Debra Fahn - October 29, 2023 at 11:39 AM

ST

*Sympathy's to Helen's dear family.
I spent many years working along side Helen at NWB.
Always enjoyed her sweet disposition .
Sheila Towers*

sheila tiwers - October 29, 2023 at 01:41 PM

KW

*I knew Helen when we were both Religious Education teachers at St. Leo's Parish in Omaha. However, we found we had several other things in common. She was from Carroll and I was from Glidden - just 7 miles east of Carroll. Helen also knew my aunt, Norma Bromert and my mother Ruth Snyder.
Helen taught this little prayer to her students and found it a sweet tribute to our Blessed Mother.
"Lovely Lady dressed in blue
Teach me how to pray.
God was your little boy
Tell me what to say."
Helen is surely in heaven now honoring our Blessed Mother at her feet.
See you soon, dear Helen.
Kathy Snyder Wiederin Omaha, NE*

Kathy Snyder Wiederin - November 01, 2023 at 09:13 PM

DD

“ So fortunate to have had Helen as a fine friend many many years

Dr Jack Donovan - October 28, 2023 at 08:19 PM



“ *"Sending You an Angel" Statue to Express Sympathy for Funeral Or Memorial was purchased for the family of Helen Quinn.*



October 28, 2023 at 04:04 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Mrs. Quinn's passing. My sympathies to all of her family and friends*

Cheryl O'Brien - October 28, 2023 at 03:34 PM



“ *Jeanette had so much fun with Helen going places! Such a lovely gal. Sympathy to her family*

Julie and Ted Eischeid - October 28, 2023 at 03:20 PM



“ *What a wonderful and beautiful lady So sorry for your loss*

Jean Lambertz - October 28, 2023 at 01:17 PM