



Helen Schafer Toeneboehn

March 30, 1924 - April 29, 2012

Helen Schafer Toeneboehn, 88, of Carroll, IA, and formerly of Kansas City, Missouri, died Sunday, April 29, 2012 at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 3, 2012 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Schott assisted by Deacon Timothy Murphy. Con-Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Johnson. Music will be by Marcy Anderson and the St. Lawrence Choir with Kathleen Macke as song leader. Lectors will be Gary Schafer and Steve Schafer. Gift Bearers will be Kathryn Braddy, Rita Schafer and Lorie Schafer. Eucharistic Ministers will be Winnie Geelan Potthoff, Peg Scheidt and Deb Gute. Honorary Casket Bearers will be Helen's grandsons, Peter Schafer, Simon Schafer and Samuel Schafer. Casket Bearers will be: Glen Braddy, Jason Braddy, Nick Braddy, Luke Odenbrett, John Bode, and Maurice Odenbrett. Burial will be on Saturday, May 5, 2012 at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kansas City, Kansas.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 4 p.m. on Wednesday where there will be a Christian Wake Service by St. Lawrence Parish at 6:30 p.m. The casket will be moved to St. Lawrence Church at 9 a.m. on Thursday where visitation will resume until time of the funeral mass. Additional visitation and prayers will be held for Helen on Friday at the Muehlebach Funeral Home in Kansas City, Missouri. Helen's family suggests memorials to St. Anthony Nursing Home, St. Anthony Hospice, or Lewy Body Dementia Association. Local funeral arrangements are under the direction of

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

Helen Schafer-Toeneboehn died April 29, 2012, after a long battle with Lewy Body Disease. She was born March 30, 1924, to Aloys and Elizabeth (Bode) Nepper in Elgin, NE. She married Laurence Schafer on April 24, 1945, and they had three children. They moved from Omaha, NE to Kansas City, KS, in 1952. Laurence died on June 5, 1961. Helen remarried in 1980 to Milton Toeneboehn and retired from her executive position at a National Health and Welfare Fund in Kansas City to move to Maryland in 1982 where Milt's five children lived. After Milt died on January 28, 1996, Helen moved to Carroll, IA, in April of 2002 and lived here until her death. Helen was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who enjoyed most being with family in all her travels. She was a woman of great faith who met the many obstacles in her life with grace, dignity, and courage. Helen will be especially missed for her smile that could light up a room and make everyone feel at home.

Survivors include her children, Gerald (Rita) Schafer of Kansas City, MO, Stephen (Lorie) Schafer of Irvine, California, and Kathryn (Glen) Braddy of Carroll; her grandchildren: Peter Schafer, Simon Schafer, Samuel Schafer, Jason (Miren Arango) Braddy, and Nicholas (Nicole) Braddy; two great-grandchildren, Mikel and Loren Braddy; five step-children: John (Gabriella) Toeneboehn of British Columbia, Debbie (Ron) Meledandri of Murraysville, PA, Mary Pat (Jim) Grover of Annapolis, MD, Michael (Kathy) Toeneboehn of Annapolis, MD, and Peter (Margarete) Toeneboehn of Fulton, MD; 11 step-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; her sister, Caroline (Maurice) Odenbrett of Fulda, MN; her sister-in-law, Tillie Nepper of LeSeuer, MN; as well as many members of her extended family.

She was preceded in death by her mother in childbirth; her father and step-mother; half sister, Dorothy Klosterman; half brother, Robert Nepper; and adopted brother, Dick Moser.

Tribute Wall

PM

“ Please accept our condolences. Aunt Helen was a Grand Lady.
Pat Moser Son of Richard J. Moser

Pat & Judy Moser - May 03, 2012 at 01:31 PM

PL

“ Dear Kathryn, our sympathy to you and Glenn and your entire family on the death of your beloved mother. . .we will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. . . God Bless Helen. . .

Pat and Tom Louis - May 01, 2012 at 02:15 PM

JR

“ Gary, Steve, Kathy and families, We express our sympathy to all of you. Sorry we can't make it to the funeral but my niece (Jan's daughter) graduates that day from UNMC RN nursing school. She has been wanting to be a nurse all her life and she finally made it. She did the 2 yr program in Norfolk, NE. This is the first class to graduate which started in a new bldg 2 yrs ago. I remember when I came to Carroll, IA for a meeting and went to see your Mom, I was happy to spend some time with her while I was there. It was short but at least I got to see her again. Yes, it's hard, we're going through some tough times with Mom, she'll be 88 in July. She is in the nursing home in Norfolk so I go spend almost everyday over my lunch time with her. I'll have a hard time letting go when she passes, I was close to Mom but since she's had alzheimers and I go up there everyday, I feel closer. If we could only understand what she is telling us and like your Mom she'll come out with a few clear words and you cherish those words. There is so much that has changed within the last 4-5 years with her. Love Joyce & family

Joyce Reestman - May 01, 2012 at 01:14 PM

RB

“ *My families thought and prayers are with all of you!*
Roger (FYI - Ray and Delores Bode)

Roger Bode - May 01, 2012 at 01:04 PM

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“ *Helen Schafer Toeneboehn*

Dorothy Moser & Family - May 01, 2012 at 11:00 AM