



Helen Tornow

November 20, 1935 - May 12, 2015

Helen "Chris" Tornow, age 79, of Carroll, died Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll.

Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 14, 2015 at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with Pastor Brian Licht of St. Paul Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll on Thursday where visitation will be from 5-7 p.m.

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

Born on November 20, 1935 in Crawford County, Iowa, Helen was the daughter of George and Minnie (Dethlefsen) Christiansen. She grew up in Crawford County and attended Denison Community Schools. On September 20, 1953 she was united in marriage to Merrill Tornow at Denison, Iowa, to this union five children were born. Chris has resided in the Carroll community since 1957. Over the years Chris worked various jobs in the community, but most recently she was employed at Kerps.

Chris enjoyed going to as many garage sales as she could attend, golfing, gardening, bowling, and walking at Swan Lake where she enjoyed the wildlife. Most of all Chris enjoyed the time she spent with her family and friends. Chris was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll.

Left to celebrate Chris' life are her children: Debra (Dave) Mosher of Carroll, Linda (Ron) Lingle of Carroll, Craig Tornow of Ute, Keith (Jennifer) Tornow of Halbur, and Kelly Tornow of Westside; 9 grandchildren: Melissa Mosher, Steve (Jullian) Mosher, Shane Lingle, Tarin (Ryan) Tiefenthaler, Tina (Nate) Thompson, Tim Tornow, Zachary Tornow, Tyler Tornow, and Brittany Tornow; 7 great-grandchildren; a sister Norma Nelson of Boone, and many nieces, nephews, and other extended relatives.

Chris was preceded in death by her parents, sisters: Maxine, Delores, Darlene, Judy, and Donna; and her brothers: LeRoy, Lloyd, Chuck, and Clifford.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joann Laxson sent a virtual gift in memory of Helen Tornow*



Joann Laxson - May 18, 2016 at 12:13 AM



“ *Joann Laxson lit a candle in memory of Helen Tornow*



Joann Laxson - May 18, 2016 at 12:13 AM



“ *Thinking of all the Tornow family at this difficult time. Chris was known by many and will be missed by many. Always had a smile for everybody. Our thoughts and prayers to each of you as try to come to terms with the loss of this special person. Keep those memories close and they will one day again make your heart smile when you think of her.*

Sue & Jeff Marquardt - May 15, 2015 at 12:08 AM

BJ

“ *B.J. Johnston lit a candle in memory of Helen Tornow*



B.J. Johnston - May 14, 2015 at 02:49 PM

BJ

“ *Tornow Family you are in my thoughts and prayers. I hadn't seen her in a few years. However, your mom had many friends and will be missed by us all. She never knew a stranger.*
B.J. Johnston

B.J. Johnston - May 14, 2015 at 02:48 PM

SJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of Chris's family. I will always remember when your family moved in next door to us; life was never the same...always loved your mom. Over the years I remember running into her at garage sales; she seemed so happy buying for her grandkids. May she rest in peace.*

Sandy Julich - May 14, 2015 at 09:10 AM

DP

“ *My Sympathy to all the family on the passing of your mother/grandmother. She was such a great lady and will be missed by many!*

Deb Pietig - May 14, 2015 at 07:48 AM

DW

“ *My Sincere Sympathy To Entire Family,, I'll Never Forget All Those Nites Back In The 70's,, When She Was Serving Drinks At The Ole Goldcrest Inn,, Oh, What Some Great Memories ,, May She Rest In Peace*

Denny Wiederien - May 13, 2015 at 07:33 PM

JB

“ *Sorry to hear of your mothers passing. It not easy losing your parents.
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.
God's Blessings.*

Jerry Boger - May 13, 2015 at 07:01 PM

LB

“ *Tornow family, My sympathy to all of you on the death of your Mom and Grandmother!
She was a great lady. This picture is exactly how I remember Chris!*



Linda Bluml - May 13, 2015 at 04:26 PM

NS

“ *Oh how I will miss Krissie! Absolutely loved her! Loved her sense of humor, we had soooo much fun. There was only 1 Krissie... and I thank God that I got to know her. She was such a special lady. My sympathy to all of the Tornow family. Nancy Schmitz*

Nancy Schmitz - May 13, 2015 at 08:27 AM