



Helen Marie Lester

March 10, 1932 - July 16, 2024

Helen Marie (Pollien) Lester, age 92, of Troy entered peacefully into eternity on Tuesday, July 16th, 2024 at Silex Community Care in Silex, MO.

Helen was born on March 10, 1932, in Southern Lincoln County, the daughter of Fred and Lydia Wilhelmena (Sanker) Pollien. She attended the Schroer School until 8th grade and was baptized and confirmed at the Steinhagen Rock Church in Warrenton, MO.

Growing up on a farm in Southern Lincoln County with her four sisters helped to frame her love of the farm life. Helen had moved to Troy and worked at the garment factory where she met the love of her life, Leighton Edwin (Eddie) Lester. They were married in Pocahontas, Arkansas on August 7, 1952 and began their married life on the farm east of Troy. She was a homemaker and mother of four children: Jeanette Ann, Cheryl Lynn, Randy Edwin, and Robert Efton.

Helen never was idle, as such, she was always involved in the farm life working alongside, Eddie. She was a wealth of knowledge about all most everything. Helen never met a stranger and was well versed in homemaking techniques and farming decisions. Together, they raised cattle, hogs, and row crops. She was able to do anything a man could do, from driving the tractor to milking the cows. Helen had a green thumb with her flowers and a bountiful

garden, especially her tomatoes. She also enjoyed keeping up with friends on the phone and playing a competitive game of Skip-Bo. After Eddie's passing, Helen missed their camping adventures and going to Old Threshers at Elsberry, MO and Mount Pleasant, IA, as well as the state fair.

She spent her life on the same farm for 72 years, where she and Eddie had created a beautiful life together prior to her health declining this past year. The hill overlooking the Moscow Bottoms will never be the same without Helen's watchful eye and telling her stories of years gone by.

Helen touched the lives of many over the years and will be dearly missed. Her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren will miss her love as well as those who affectionally called her "Ma". She will forever be remembered for her selfless nature and the love she freely gave to her family and friends. Helen or "Ma" always ended her phone calls with "love you". We loved her too.

Helen is survived by her children: Cheryl (Mark) Twellman of Silex, MO, Randy Lester (Angie Kientzy) of Troy, MO, and Robert Lester (Kelly Neithardt) of Troy, MO; one son-in-law, George Van Beek, of Troy, MO; grandchildren: Jenna (Dustin) Fry of Kansas City, MO, Christy (Mitch) Layton of St. Peters, MO, Jeffrey (Brandelyn) Twellman of Silex, MO, Caitlyn Twellman of Silex, MO, and Elizabeth Lester of Troy, MO; great grandchildren: Linden and Renly Fry, Leighton Twellman, and Jolie Layton; one sister-in-law, Glenda (Bruce) Fitzgerald of Troy, MO and one brother-in-law, Carl Herzberg of Wentzville, MO, many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eddie Lester; her daughter, Jeanette VanBeek; her parents, Fred and Lydia Pollien; sisters: Lillian Strack, Dorothy Herzberg, Ida Mae Gerding and Anna Marie Warner brothers-in-law: Leroy Strack, Ralph Gerding and Harold Warner.

Family and friends will be received from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, July 19, 2024 at KEMPER-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel located at 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, July 20, 2024 at KEMPER-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel in Troy, MO. Interment will be held at the Thornhill Cemetery in Troy, MO. In lieu of flowers expressions of sympathy may be made to Thornhill Cemetery or Moscow Mills Lions Club, in care of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel P.O. Box 222 Troy, MO 63379.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel; 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. Online condolences may be made at www.kemperkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com Phone 636 528-8221

Cemetery Details

Thornhill Cemtery

Troy, MO 63379

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **19.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel - Troy
351 Monroe St.
Troy, MO 63379
(636) 528-8221
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Service

JUL **20.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MV

“ I will miss my Aunt Helen. After my mother was gone, she was the one who could answer questions about Pollien history. She brightened many evenings with her phone calls. She was the one who kept the family connected. Love you always.

Marie Strack Vallee - July 19, 2024 at 07:57 PM

LS

“ The matriarch of the family that was always there when they were needed the most. Her caring and helpful ways will surely be missed by those she leaves behind on this earth but she will rejoin family and friends who preceded her and wait for her in heaven.

Larry L. Strack - July 19, 2024 at 10:59 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Marie Lester.



July 18, 2024 at 05:03 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Helen Marie Lester.



July 18, 2024 at 11:46 AM

WF

“ Woehler Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Marie Lester.

Woehler Family - July 18, 2024 at 11:46 AM

MF

“ Maureen Aubuchon and family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Helen Marie Lester.



Maureen Aubuchon and family - July 17, 2024 at 05:39 PM

TM

“ Tracy Martin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Helen Marie Lester.



Tracy Martin - July 17, 2024 at 03:21 PM

MM

“ She was always so sweet to me. When ever I was able to go see her we would play skip boFor hours. She could make me laugh and always make life better just by her kind words and her loving heart. She will truely be missed. I will always love you aunt Helen from Dawn



Mr&Mrs Geremiah Meier - July 17, 2024 at 03:17 PM

CT

Sweet words! She loved you too!

Cheryl Twellman - July 17, 2024 at 09:42 PM

GF

Helen was a great sister in law. She always inquired about our health and wanted the best for our family. If I needed advice, she gave it. I will miss her so much.

Glenda Fitzgerald - July 17, 2024 at 10:46 PM

W.

“ William . purchased the *Gracious Lavender Basket* for the family of Helen Marie Lester.



William . - July 17, 2024 at 01:57 PM

W.

“ William . planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Marie Lester.

William . - July 17, 2024 at 01:57 PM

DF

“ *Davis & Hoerz Family* purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Helen Marie Lester.



Davis & Hoerz Family - July 17, 2024 at 01:50 PM

DF

“ *Davis & Hoerz Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen Marie Lester.*

Davis & Hoerz Family - July 17, 2024 at 01:50 PM

JH

“ *Jason Hitt and Kelly Hogan purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Helen Marie Lester.*



Jason Hitt and Kelly Hogan - July 17, 2024 at 01:43 PM

BR

“ *Our deepest sympathy. A great neighbor and friend. Bob and Garnell Ramsour*

Bob Ramsour - July 16, 2024 at 08:20 PM

GF

“ *Guzenski, Davis, Mehler & Reiter family purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Helen Marie Lester.*



Guzenski, Davis, Mehler & Reiter family - July 16, 2024 at 06:38 PM

MB

“ *Mark beckwith purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Helen Marie Lester.*



Mark beckwith - July 16, 2024 at 05:57 PM