



## Laura Helmich

July 13, 1910 - September 13, 2013

Laura Belle (Gerdeman) Helmich, 103, of Moscow Mills, passed away on Friday, September 13, 2013 at the Lincoln County Nursing and Rehab. She was born on July 13, 1910 in Troy, Missouri, a daughter of the late Theo and Daisy (Craig) Gerdeman. She united in marriage to Arlie Helmich on August 23, 1938 and he preceded her in death on December 4, 2002. To this union one daughter was born.

She lived her whole life in Lincoln County, graduated from Buchanan High School and she continued her education as a teacher. She taught for the Lincoln County RIII School District for 34 years prior to her retirement. Laura was a lifetime member of Friedens United Church of Christ in Moscow Mills, where she served on the church board, the building committees and the women's fellowship. She was a member of the Moscow Mills Lions Club, Retired Teachers, Owen Olive Women's Club, Elizabeth Wilkinson Extension Club and 4-H leader. Laura was honored to receive the Melvin Jones Award from the Moscow Mills Lions Club. She enjoyed watching the St. Louis Cardinals play baseball, playing dominoes, reading, crocheting, knitting, cooking, quilting and having company over.

As an adventurous woman celebrating her 99th birthday she rode on the back of a Harley Motorcycle, 100th she took a ride in a hot air balloon, 101st she rode in a small airplane over the family farms and 102nd she visited the St. Louis Science Center.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Linda Sullivan and husband, Ron of

Moscow Mills, Missouri; one granddaughter, Darla Lambert and husband, Steve of Springfield, Illinois; nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three sisters, Nita Kennedy(Charlie), Lucille Martin(Silvy) and Helen Davis(Herman);niece, Melba Paulsmeyer; nephews, Dale Davis, Irvin Davis and Teddy Martin and one great-great-niece, Olevia Lucille Crane.

Friends will be received from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 22, 2013 at KEMPER-MARSH-MILLARD Family Funeral Home / Troy Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, September 23, 2013 at Friedens United Church of Christ in Moscow Mills, Missouri. Officiating will be Pastor Eugene Rahmier. Interment will be held in Friedens (Anderson Hill) Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Friedens UCC or Moscow Mills Lions Club. Arrangements under the care of Kemper-Marsh-Millard Family Funeral Chapel, 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. Online condolences may be made at [www.kempermarshmillardfamilychapels.com](http://www.kempermarshmillardfamilychapels.com) Ph.(636) 528-8221

# Tribute Wall



“ *Laura Helmich*

January 30, 2023 at 12:08 AM



“ *Laura Helmich*

January 29, 2023 at 10:26 PM



“ *Dear Linda, Ron and Darla, We will all miss Miss Laura for her friendship, being a good neighbor, and for all those history lessons she taught us. I was so glad to be there on her 100th birthday to celebrate her life and to enjoy watching her take her ballon ride. There are so many memories throughout the years with her and all of you and I will cherish them all. My prayers and thought go out to all of you at this very sad time in your life. Hugs, Peggy*

**Peggy Mitchell** - September 23, 2013 at 01:38 PM



“ *Mrs. Helmich was a beautiful Lady, with a heart of gold. God Bless you and your family.*

**Jan Twellman** - September 18, 2013 at 08:18 PM

JK

“ Linda, Ron and Darla, We are so sorry to hear of Ms. Laura's passing but my did she live life to its fullest! What an inspiration she has been to so many in Lincoln County as a teacher, wife, mother, grandmother, and a woman of faith. We will not be able to attend the visitation and funeral but our hearts and prayers are with you, friends. Blessings and our deepest sympathy. Jane and Dale Kelley

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**Jane and Dale Kelley** - September 18, 2013 at 03:36 PM

BE

“ she was a wonderful lady. I remember her; Arlie; EvaMae; Edwin; Grandma and Papa Ora playing dominos on Sundays They are all in heaven together know playing their hearts outs. \

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**beth bueneman eveland** - September 18, 2013 at 01:21 PM

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“ We send our deepest sympathy to your family during this difficult time. Mrs. Laura was a wonderful person, and we always enjoyed the time we spent with her over the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Mark, Jennifer, and Sydney Leitman

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**Mark Leitman** - September 17, 2013 at 11:08 PM

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“ Sorry to hear this. She was my favorite Middle School teacher and somehow made History interesting. Also know she was a very amazing and sweet lady.

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**Diana(Bergfeld)Brawley** - September 17, 2013 at 08:31 PM

BR

“ *my sisters and I all had mrs helmich as a teacher she was always such a nice lady rest in peace mrs helmich*

**beth (woolford) rhodes** - September 17, 2013 at 08:09 PM

CP

“ *Our sympathies are with you. She was such a great lady & a wonderful teacher. Amazing how she remembered her students.*

**Carol McCulloch Portwood** - September 17, 2013 at 07:08 PM

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“ *Linda and family, I hope that you know that when you received this lady as your mother that you got one of the last real "Ladies" she was such a good friend to our family. She always asked about Wayne, and if I had spoken with Jodi. She was one of the sweetest ladies I have had the pleasure to know. She was a rare diamond in a band of gold. Love to all. I know you have lost a dear friend.*

**Holly & Steve Twellman** - September 17, 2013 at 05:58 PM

PL

“ *Ms. Laura will always hold in my heart wonderful memories as I know will be true for her family. She was the foundation in her community and her church. Heavenly Father has brought home a "Special Daughter" after a long and faithful service on earth. My prayers and thoughts are with her family at this time.*

**Paula Marie Leitman** - September 17, 2013 at 02:34 PM

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“ Rest now great lady. You will be greatly missed. I enjoyed our talks and visits. Prayers and Hugs to Linda, Darla, Ron and family. Find comfort she is now resting and no more pain. She had a wonderful life on earth.

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**Sharida Mitchell** - September 16, 2013 at 11:48 AM

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“ I feel so blessed to have known Laura though I have only known her for the last few years she was a remarkable lady and one that I will never forget.

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**Renee Lawson** - September 15, 2013 at 05:48 PM