

Family of Edgar and Helen Siemens

Ron and Gail Siemens Christopher and Lori Si<mark>emens</mark> (Elijah Mathaneal, Isaac, Micah, Ezra) Mark and Julie Siemens (Annika, Katrina, Alexi, Mattea) Brent Siemens

Sharon and Art Dueck

Carrie and Lloyd Heimbecker (Jackson, Clark) Reg and Jennifer Dueck (Čallie, Blake)

Jennifer and Alan Heinrichs

Dean and Thea Heinrichs (Alexander, Athena) Allison and Landon Costar (Olive, Esme)

Rod and Rhonda Siemens

Lindsay and Josh



Helen Siemens

1928 - 2020

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path" Proverbs 3:5,6.

In a special moment of quietness with her beloved husband Edgar, Helen was gently called to her heavenly home on the evening of February 3, 2020 during a brief stay at Clover House. Several years previously she had declared to her physician that she wanted to die running; her unwavering faith in God and deep love of family and friends enabled her to finish her race well.

Helen was born February 18, 1928 in Gretna, Manitoba to Dietrich and Elizabeth Klippenstein. She was the eldest daughter and a sister to Frank, Dick, Henry, Jake, Margaret and Walter. The family settled into the farming communities of Main Centre and Herbert where Helen attended school finishing her final high school year back in Gretna.

Following high school Helen returned home for two years and under the careful tutelage of her mother Elizabeth learned many homemaking skills becoming a talented seamstress, wonderful cook and an artisan of hand stitching. During this time, Helen attended Herbert Bible School.

Helen's faith journey began at an early age when she developed a strong commitment to follow God and desired a life of service. Helen's commitment led to her decision for baptism and joining the Main Center MB Church.

It was in this church that Helen met Edgar, the handsome eligible young teacher who became her life partner for 71 years. Their first adventures were setting up homes in the teacherages of the Los Angeles and River Dell schools where many life-long friendships were made. Ron and Sharon were born during this time and Jennifer and Rod were added to the family following a move to Swift Current. Helen's focus during this time became supporting Edgar, caring for her children, active involvement in her church and developing her passion for quilting and needlework. Her love of children extended to providing a day home for many families in the community and she was most delighted with the arrival of grandchildren and then great grandchildren.

Camping, fishing and road trips evolved into building a cottage at Anglin Lake, a family retreat and sanctuary for 35 years. Many family and friends enjoyed Helen's gift of hospitality not only at Anglin Lake but also in Swift Current.

Following Edgar's retirement they enjoyed new travel opportunities and escaped winters in BC and Arizona. Helen frequently expressed thankfulness for her final home at Riverview where she continued to host family dinners with children and grandchildren. She enjoyed sibling reunions, old and new friendships, many card games, shuffleboard tournaments, her quilting bees, and working at the MCC store.

Helen's health deteriorated over the past two years and our last memories of Helen will be her steadfast faith, assurance in her eternal home, and her ability to express gratitude in all circumstances. Helen will be lovingly remembered by her husband Edgar, sons Ron (Gail) Siemens, Rod (Rhonda) Siemens; daughters Sharon (Art) Dueck, Jennifer (Alan) Heinrichs; 9 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; brothers Dick, Henry (Louise); Jake (Tillie), Walter (Mildred) Klippenstein; sister-in-law Lottie Siemens; brothers-in-law Paul Redekop, Dave Penner (Anne) and many nieces and nephews. Helen was predeceased by her parents, Dietrich & Elizabeth Klippenstein, three infant sisters in Russia, her sister Margaret Penner, brother Frank Klippenstein and grandson Mitchell Siemens.

In Loving Memory of

Helen Siemens

Born – February 18, 1928 at Gretna, Manitoba **Passed Away** – February 3, 2020 at Swift Current, SK

Celebration of Tife

Monday, February 10, 2020 at 2:00 pm
Bridgeway Community Church, Swift Current, SK

Officiating – Pastor Brent Siemens

Pianist – Leanne McConnell

Organist – Sheila Braun

Ushers – Patricia Orthner, Megan Jackson, Jason Goertzen, and Lorna Werner

Order of Service

Opening Remarks and Prayer - Chris Siemens

Scripture Reading – Jackson Heimbecker, Psalm 23

Tribute to Mom – Sharon Dueck and Jennifer Heinrichs

Special Music – "There is a Redeemer"

Leanne McConnell, Kerry & Sheila Braun

Congregational Singing – "You Are My All in All"

Tribute to Grandma - Helen's Grandchildren

Devotional - Pastor Brent Siemens

Special Music – "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart"

Linda Klippenstein

Closing Prayer and Recessional - Pastor Nick Kimpinski

Tuncheon – Immediately following the service in Cedar Hall

Pallbearers – Helen's Grandchildren

Private Family Interment – Preceded the Service

from the Herbert Cemetery, Herbert, SK

Donations – Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

Arrangements – Swift Current Funeral Home