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Helen Mar Holder, born in Forest City, Iowa, was promoted to heaven on July 24, 2016 at Friendsview Retirement Community, Newberg, Oregon as a result of natural causes.

Helen was born to DeVere and Fern and had 3 brothers, Roger, Franklin, and Edward. She attended Jefferson Grade School, Roosevelt Junior High School and graduated from Mason City High School in 1950. She participated in drama and chorus activities. Helen attended the University of Iowa School of Nursing and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1954. She participated in Lutheran Student Association, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, and nursing student activities.

Helen and Ray Edgar Holder had attended the same Mason City schools, but didn't begin dating until they met again at the University of Iowa. They both became committed Christians in October of 1954 on campus. In the middle of a snowstorm, they became husband and wife on December 29, 1954. They were married for 61 years. They had 4 children: Russell, Karen, Ruth, and Thomas.

The family moved to Mahomet, Illinois and then to Portland, Oregon, where Ray studied

to become a minister. From there, they become the pastor and wife at Kenai Lake

Baptist Church in Cooper Landing, Alaska in 1963. The Vietnam war was escalating and Ray entered the U.S. Army as a chaplain in 1967 and the family lived in Missouri, Florida, and Texas. They then moved to Glenallen, Alaska where they served as pastor and wife at the Glennallen Community Chapel and later at Barton Community Baptist Church in Oregon. When Ray entered the hospital chaplaincy, they lived in Beaverton and Redmond, Oregon. Through all these years Helen worked as a mother, Pastor's wife, and nurse at the University of Iowa, Emanuel Hospital in Portland, Oregon, Faith Hospital in Glennallen, Alaska, Clackamas County Public Health Nurse, and Hospice House Nurse in Portland, Oregon. She was dearly loved by all she served. Helen loved to spend her time cake decorating, making homemade bread, sewing, quilting, reading, walking, and making vintage porcelain dolls. Her children and grandchildren treasure their personalized hand knit Christmas stockings she knitted for each of them. Helen and Ray moved to Friendsview Retirement Community in Newberg, Oregon in July of 2004. The family wishes to extend a special thanks for the love and care Helen received while at Friendsview as she struggled with vascular dementia for the past six years. Helen is survived by her husband and large extended family including 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

There will be a private family service in Newberg Oregon where Helen will be laid to rest at Valley View Memorial Park. A memorial service will follow at Grace Baptist Church in Newberg, Oregon on Saturday, August 6, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Memorial Park

24235 NE Dayton Avenue
Newberg, OR 97132

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 6. 10:00 AM (PT)

Grace Baptist Church Newberg
1619 E. 2nd Street
Newberg, OR 97132

Tribute Wall



“ *Attrell's Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen M. Holder*



Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel - August 04, 2016 at 08:02 PM

AL

“ *Alan L. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Helen M. Holder.*



Alan L. - May 30, 2017 at 11:08 AM

DH

“ *Hello Uncle Ray, we are very sorry to hear the passing of Aunt Helen. When all of us (Barb, David, Ben, and I) visited Grandma Ferne in the nursing home in Iowa about 15 yrs ago, Helen was there and was our special guide for a few days, a real joy to have with us, and a very very nice person. She will be missed by all that knew her... Our sincere condolences to you, and your family.*
Dave and Barb Hirt

David Hirt - August 11, 2016 at 10:50 AM

DC

“ Hello Ray, Our deepest sympathy to you at Helen's homegoing. We have been praying for you. We have very good memories of both you and Helen. We know you will miss her greatly. Our love, Dick and Esther Camp

Dick and Esther Camp - August 02, 2016 at 09:37 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Helen M. Holder.



July 29, 2016 at 09:56 AM

JH

“ Love knows no boundaries. While Aunt Helen is no longer physically with us, her spirit is always around us. My deepest condolences.

Jennifer Hirt-Marchand - July 29, 2016 at 08:26 AM

SN

“ Sue Neal lit a candle in memory of Helen M. Holder



Sue Neal - July 28, 2016 at 07:56 PM

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“ *Kathleen Judd Kraemer sent a virtual gift in memory of Helen M. Holder*



Kathleen Judd Kraemer - July 28, 2016 at 06:34 PM

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“ *Kathleen Judd Kraemer lit a candle in memory of Helen M. Holder*



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“ *Ray and Helen were pastoring at Barton Community church in March of 1975 when my son, Ronald Gordon Judd II was born. We lived just at the end of the private road where the parsonage was and spent much time with them and their family. They both hold a special place in our hearts. My son and his father are both in heaven and will be rejoicing to see Helen , I know. God bless and comfort you, Pastor Holder. Keeping your family in prayer.*

Kathleen Judd Kraemer - July 28, 2016 at 06:33 PM