



Helen Ruth (York) Wagner

July 15, 1934 - May 14, 2013

Helen Ruth (York) Wagner, daughter of the late Samuel Harrell and Julia Agnes (Davis) York, was born July 15, 1934 in Little Rock, Arkansas where she grew up and graduated from high school. She went on to further her education and obtained her degree in Psychology.

Helen met a United States Air Force man by the name of Leland "Curley" William Wagner. They soon began dating and were married on July 21, 1955 in Little Rock. Curley and Helen shared over 39 years of marriage together and were blessed with four daughters: Michelle, Sherry, Melissa and Sabrina.

In 1957, Helen, Curley and daughter Michelle moved to the Waynesville, Missouri area. She helped Curley with two different fast food restaurants for ten years and was also employed at Fort Leonard Wood as a finance clerk. She received many awards for serving the military.

In her spare time, Helen liked putting out a garden every year and tending to her flower gardens. She was a very active person; she played softball, and enjoyed being outdoors while fishing, camping and hunting. Helen was very talented when it came to sewing. She made beautiful dresses for her girls while they were growing up. She loved to dress up and go out on the town. Helen had a classic style and always looked in fashion. After moving to Springfield, she liked to spend time in the swimming pool and was doing so up

until last year. Helen also enjoyed going to different Shrine events with her husband. Most importantly, she enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, especially the grandchildren.

As a young girl, Helen made a very important decision in her life and accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior. She was a charter member of the Victory Fellowship Church of Waynesville. She was very involved at Victory Fellowship and taught Sunday School.

Helen went home to be with her Lord at 7:35 a.m. Tuesday, May 14, 2013 in the Mercy Hospital of Springfield, having attained the age of 78 years, 9 months and 29 days. Even though she is gone from our sight, her memory lives on in our hearts.

Helen leaves to cherish her memory three daughters: Sherry Roy and Melissa Basford, both of Springfield, MO and Sabrina Rightnowar of Cape Girardeau, MO; three siblings: Bobby York of the state of Texas, Elizabeth Johnson of Perryville, AR and Norma Jean Hilliard of Beebe, AR; seven grandchildren: Heather, Stormie, Travis, Aaron, Astrid, Savanna and Haley; four great grandchildren: Kane, Chloe, Michelle and Maverick; other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Curley Wagner; one daughter: Michelle Wagner Reller; and four brothers: Daniel, Norman, Kenneth and Archie York.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 17, 2013 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Pastor Frank Brunais officiating. The songs "Amazing Grace", "The Old Rugged Cross", "Mansion Over the Hilltop", and "See You When I See You" were played. Soloist Cassie Allen sang "He Whispers Sweet Peace to Me". Serving

as escorts were LaDon Terry, Mark Rightnowar, Joe Gross, Ron Long, Charles Frahm and Grant Warren. Serving as honorary escort was Travis Basford.

Burial followed in the Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery of Waynesville. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Helen Wagner and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery

Highway 17 South
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Service

MAY 17. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen Ruth (York) Wagner*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Helen Ruth (York) Wagner*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *SARA JONES lit a candle in memory of Helen Ruth (York) Wagner*



SARA JONES - October 12, 2013 at 03:39 PM



“ *Misty Higgins lit a candle in memory of Helen Ruth (York) Wagner*



Misty Higgins - May 19, 2013 at 06:11 AM

SS

“ I am very sad to hear that Mrs. Helen has passed away. She was like a mother to me while I was stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mrs. Helen worked as our secretary in the Veterinary Services. I will always have fond memories of the times I spent with her at work and outside work. She was a very sweet and loving person who made me (SGT Sheila Maxwell) and SGT Bennett a part of her family. Rest on Mrs. Helen I love you but God loves you best.

Sheila R. Simmons
Formerly Sheila Maxwell
Hanahan, S.C.

Sheila R. Simmons - May 17, 2013 at 03:23 PM

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“ Ms Helen was a wonderful woman. I worked with her at Ft Leonardwood in the early 90's. She was very much a mother figure to me. Her love and guidance helped me through tough times and taught me life lessons that I carry with me now. Rest in peace beautiful woman.

Tashawnya McCullough (Champagne) - May 17, 2013 at 01:53 PM



“ Nan you will be missed by all that loved you, you made me apart of your family and i will never forget it or you... i miss you ...



Tiffany Beck - May 17, 2013 at 04:11 AM

LS

“ *Linda Cole Schonbok lit a candle in memory of Helen Ruth (York) Wagner*



Linda Cole Schonbok - May 16, 2013 at 04:12 PM

LE

“ *Leslie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Helen Ruth (York) Wagner*



Leslie Edwards - May 16, 2013 at 02:00 PM

SH

“ *Steve Hettich lit a candle in memory of Helen Ruth (York) Wagner*



Steve Hettich - May 16, 2013 at 06:42 AM

SH

I will miss Helen very much, her humor and her wit always kept a smile on my face. I had only talked to her on the phone a couple of months ago. Now I see she's gone home to be with Jesus. God Bless you Helen, we'll miss you, but we'll see you on the other side.

Steve Hettich - May 16, 2013 at 06:45 AM

BA

“ Barbara lit a candle in memory of Helen Ruth (York) Wagner



Barbara - May 15, 2013 at 11:39 PM

MF

“ Minnie Franklin lit a candle in memory of Helen Ruth (York) Wagner



Minnie Franklin - May 15, 2013 at 08:55 PM

J(

“ Jerri Shreve (Fleschute) lit a candle in memory of Helen Ruth (York) Wagner



Jerri Shreve (Fleschute) - May 15, 2013 at 08:36 PM

JF

Heaven has received one of the finest women I have ever met. Helen will surely be missed by all that knew her. She was a lovely, kind and generous soul. May God bless and comfort her family and friends in this time of sorrow.

jerri fleschute - May 15, 2013 at 08:46 PM



“ *Louisa Hayes lit a candle in memory of Helen Ruth (York) Wagner*



Louisa Hayes - May 15, 2013 at 12:52 PM

MW

“ *Helen was fine a person and a good sister-in-law Ann & I are very sorry to hear the news john wagner*

mr & mrs john wagner - May 15, 2013 at 12:23 PM

DO

“ *Donna Wagner Odegaard lit a candle in memory of Helen Ruth (York) Wagner*



Donna Wagner Odegaard - May 15, 2013 at 08:28 AM

DB

“ *Melissa and family...I'm so very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I know how much you loved her. She was a wonderful, classy lady and I am glad I got to know her a little so many years ago. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Love, Deb

Debbie Basford - May 15, 2013 at 06:53 AM

GW

“ *I will miss you sister Helen.*



Grant Warren - May 15, 2013 at 06:34 AM

PC

“ *Pamela Cox lit a candle in memory of Helen Ruth (York) Wagner*



Pamela Cox - May 14, 2013 at 07:22 PM

MS

“ *MARLIN STEVENS lit a candle in memory of Helen Ruth (York) Wagner*



MARLIN STEVENS - May 14, 2013 at 04:12 PM