

*H*elen E. Pingel, age 99, of Storm Lake, Iowa, died January 13, 2009, at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Helen Emma Ehlers, the daughter of Henry and Bertha (Ripke) Ehlers, was born in Coon Township, Buena Vista County, northeast of Storm Lake, Iowa, on May 30, 1909. Helen was baptized into the Lutheran faith on June 13, 1909 at Zion Lutheran Church in rural Storm Lake. She lived her youth in Coon Township and received her education at Zion Lutheran School. Helen was confirmed on April 13, 1924, at Zion Lutheran Church.

She was united in marriage to Arthur Pingel on September 8, 1933, at Zion Lutheran Church, rural Storm Lake. The couple was blessed with two daughters, Marlys and Joyce. Helen and Art were engaged in farming near Rembrandt, Iowa, and she resided on that farm from 1933 until November of 1991. Art died on November 12, 1974.

When Faith Lutheran Church was organized in Sioux Rapids, Art and Helen became charter members and were active in serving in various capacities within the church. At the time Helen moved to Storm Lake, she transferred her membership to the Grace Lutheran Church where she was a member of the Grace Ladies Aid. Helen's special interests included gardening, flowers, quilting and doing various types of fancy handwork.

Those who will always cherish their memories of Helen include her daughter, Marlys and Vernon Gregg of Cherokee, Iowa; her daughter, Joyce and William Peters of Ames, Iowa; her grandchildren: Jeffrey and Doris Gregg, Cherilyn and Jeff Boice, Andrea and Doug Urban, and Amanda Peters; her great-grandchildren: David and Elizabeth Gregg, Sarah and Kevin Callies, Timothy Gregg and Deborah Gregg, Kathryn and Angela Boice, Daniel, Rebecca, Naomi, Bethany, and Nathaniel Urban, and Addison Dunblazier; one brother, John Ehlers of Spencer, Iowa; one sister, Viola Ehlers, of Storm Lake; nieces, nephews, other relatives and her many friends.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Arthur; one brother, Helmuth; and one sister, Clara Boettcher.



May the Lord bless the memory of Helen Pingel.

Celebrating **A Special Life**



Helen E. Pingel

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The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

—23 Psalm



We wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. Please join us for lunch and a time of fellowship and sharing at the church immediately following the interment.

 *Helen's Family*

IN MEMORY OF

Helen Emma Pingel

May 30, 1909 — January 13, 2009



FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, January 17, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.
Grace Lutheran Church — Storm Lake, Iowa

CLERGY

Pastor Steven Schulz

ORGANIST

Scott Schuelke

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

"Abide With Me"

CASKET BEARERS

*Jeff Gregg, Doug Urban, Jeff Boice, David Gregg
Tim Gregg, Daniel Urban, Nate Urban, Kevin Callies*

INTERMENT

*Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery
Storm Lake, Iowa*



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