

Thank Thee, God, that I have lived
In this great world and known its many joys;
The song of the birds, the strong, sweet scent of hay
And cooling breezes in the secret dusk,
The flaming sunsets at the close of day,
Hills, and the lonely, heather-covered moors,
Music at night, and moonlight on the sea,
The beat of waves upon the rocky shore
And wild, white spray, flung high in ecstasy:
The faithful eyes of dogs, and treasured books,
The love of kin and fellowship of friends,
And all that makes life dear and beautiful.

Thank Thee, too, that there has come to me
A little sorrow and, sometimes, defeat,
A little heartache and the loneliness
That comes with parting, and the word, "Goodbye,"
Dawn breaking after dreary hours of pain,
When I discovered that night's gloom must yield
And morning light break through to me again,
Because of these and other blessings poured
Unasked upon my wondering head,
Because I know that there is yet to come
An even richer and more glorious life,
And most of all, because Thine only Son
Once sacrificed life's loveliness for me—

Thank Thee, God, that I have lived.

Elizabeth, Countess of Craven, England (1750-1828)

Brooks Funeral Home ~ Langdon, ND



In Loving Memory Of

Helen Saxlund

March 5, 1929 ~ November 6, 2024



Helen Maxine Cheatley was born March 5, 1929, in Gordon Township to Everette and Elizabeth (McBride) Cheatley. She grew up and attended school in Gordon Township and graduated from Langdon High School in 1947. She continued her education at Valley City State College for her standard teaching certificate and later went to Mayville State for her teaching degree. She taught in Alsen, Grace City, Lisbon, and a county school near the farm in Gordon Township. On November 27, 1954, Helen married Burdett Saxlund in Lisbon, ND. In 1958, they moved to the family farm in Gordon Township and began farming with Helen's brother, Bob Cheatley. In 1992, Helen and Bert moved permanently to Langdon. They were able to spend about 20 winters in Arizona.

Helen enjoyed sewing, quilting, knitting, tending her flower gardens and was an avid reader. She had been a member of the Presbyterian Church in Langdon since 1946 and was very involved as an Elder, Deacon, Sunday School superintendent and teacher, and was a member of Ruth Circle. She also was a member of the Langdon Curling Club, Maple Manor Auxiliary, and Friendship Homemakers, as well as a Girl Scout leader. Helen loved keeping up with the activities of her kids, grandkids, and great-grandchildren through social media.

Surviving Helen are her daughter, Susan (Wayne) Lutz, of Eureka, SD; grandchildren: Alisha (Fred) Wohl, Daniel (Hannah) Burrer, Nathaniel (Kristin) Lutz, Whitney (Chadd) Damm, Joshua (Courtney Grandgenett) Burrer; great-grandchildren: Annabelle, Brady, Calista, Emilia, Aiden, Sophia, Lexi; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Bert, daughter Rebecca Burrer, grandson Michael Burrer, and brother and sister-in-law Robert and Anne Cheatley.

Helen passed away November 6, 2024, at her apartment in Wheatland Estates in Langdon at the age of 95.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Saturday, January 18, 2025 ~ 1:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Church
Langdon, ND

CLERGY

Pastor Sue Mackey

MUSIC

Evelyn Klein Susan Lutz

Annabelle Wohl Alisha Wohl Justin Cheatley

“Morning Has Broken” “His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

“I’d Rather Have Jesus” “The Love of God”

“All Is Well with My Soul”

URN BEARER

Mark Cheatley

INURNMENT

Lebanon Cemetery

Langdon, ND