



Helen McElderry

November 14, 1921 - October 7, 2020

Helen Lucinda McElderry, 98, of Bloomfield, Iowa passed away on October 7, 2020 at the Hospice House in Ottumwa. She was born November 14, 1921 in Drakesville, Iowa to Charles Edward and Faith Wamsley Thompson. She married Mervin James McElderry on September 3, 1941 in Lancaster, Missouri. This union was blessed with four children, James, Mary JoAnn, Thomas Douglas, and Timothy Mervin. Mervin passed away on August 20, 1988.

Helen started her working career as a rural school teacher and farm wife. She worked for over 30 years at the Davis County Hospital, retiring 16 years ago. Helen enjoyed traveling all over, playing cards, and spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by three children, James (Kay) McElderry of Burlington, Iowa, Mary JoAnn Swaim of Bloomfield, Timothy McElderry of Bloomfield; ten grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren with one more on the way; and special family friends, Shari and Pete Reyes.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Tom (Carol) McElderry; son-in-law, Tom Swaim; three brothers, Walter, Edward, and Joseph Thompson; and 21 cousins in Drakesville.

Graveside services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 12, 2020 at the Drakesville Cemetery with Pastor Tom Shipley officiating. Open visitation will be from 12-5:00 p.m. on Sunday at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield. Memorials have been established to Hospice serving Davis and Wapello Counties and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Drakesville Cemetery

Drakesville, IA 52552

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **11**. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
304 West Jefferson Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537
(641) 664-3421
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

Graveside Services

OCT **12**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Drakesville Cemetery
Drakesville, IA 52552

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen McElderry*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen McElderry.*



October 10, 2020 at 01:07 PM



“ *We have lost a dear member of the Coons School neighborhood. May God comfort members of Helen's family. Nancy Bogert Woodard & Mary Bogert Cary*

Nancy Bogert Woodard & Mary Cary - October 09, 2020 at 09:17 PM



“ *Nancy Bogert Woodard & Mary Cary lit a candle in memory of Helen McElderry*



Nancy Bogert Woodard & Mary Cary - October 09, 2020 at 09:09 PM

LR

“ Hi to the family of Helen's Helen will be miss at the cizten center and in the red hat group I will be missing her sweet smile lynn Robert's

Lynn roberts - October 08, 2020 at 06:03 PM

SR

“ Shari Reyes lit a candle in memory of Helen McElderry



shari reyes - October 08, 2020 at 06:00 PM

LR

“ Lynn Roberts lit a candle in memory of Helen McElderry



Lynn roberts - October 08, 2020 at 05:59 PM

BM

“ Barbie Meredith lit a candle in memory of Helen McElderry



Barbie Meredith - October 08, 2020 at 09:49 AM

BM

“ *Helen's Family, Sorry for your loss. I knew her when she came to the Tabernacle Baptist Church. She was so sweet. I missed her when she wasn't able to come anymore. I also seen her when she volunteered at the gift shop in the hospital. May God give you the comfort you need at this time of sorrow. God Bless*



Barbie Meredith - October 08, 2020 at 09:48 AM

SH

“ *Helen will be dearly missed.*



Susan Hougland - October 08, 2020 at 09:26 AM

SR

“ *i will keep this memory everytime im in my pool helen wanted to come see my new pool ,she and willa came out and she wanted to go swimming,guess what she climed the ladder and got in she and willa acted like little kids, for hours today i wished i had a picture of this.then they got out sat under the tree and ate chips and share abeer !!!! going to miss this lady love ya helen*

shari reyes - October 08, 2020 at 09:00 AM

DS

“Helen was the best and most caring person . At DCH she was kind and compassionate to the patients, their families and her fellow workers. She always smiled and was quick to find humor in so many life experiences. She enjoyed people and they enjoyed her. Her patience with Tim and Dan Scott was amazing, those two could certainly stir the pot at times! What great memories so many have of her, blessings to all her family at this time.

Debbie Scott - October 07, 2020 at 11:01 PM

MW

“So sorry for the loss of this beautiful lady. She was pretty special looking at all the things she did in her life and I suspect there is even more to know about her. RIP Helen

Margaret Walker - October 07, 2020 at 11:01 PM

DB

“Sending prayer and thought Smypathy to you al! Of Helen FAMILLY WAS NEIGHBOR MANY YEARS

DEAN Bailey - October 07, 2020 at 09:30 PM

RG

“Regina Gooden lit a candle in memory of Helen McElderry



Regina Gooden - October 07, 2020 at 08:38 PM

RG

“ *Helen was always a blessing to help at the library. She really cared about people and will be missed. Thoughts and prayers to the family. She was special!* ”

Regina Gooden - October 07, 2020 at 08:38 PM

GS

“ *Georgia Stevens lit a candle in memory of Helen McElderry* ”



Georgia Stevens - October 07, 2020 at 08:09 PM

JM

“ *Helen was joy to be around. When she came to the library she always had a smile and makes you feel good. She will be missed.* ”

Jean Mitchell - October 07, 2020 at 07:59 PM

LR

“ *Hi thier to the family of Helen sending prayers and thoughts and sympathy to you all of you the family lynn* ”

Lynn roberrs - October 07, 2020 at 07:01 PM

LR

“ *Lynn Roberrs lit a candle in memory of Helen McElderry* ”



Lynn roberrs - October 07, 2020 at 06:59 PM