



Helen M. Stone

April 17, 1923 - December 6, 2017

Helen Mae Stone, 94 of Cromwell passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 in Villa Vista Care Center. She was born April 17, 1923 in New York Mills to Otto and Sanna Kankaala. The family lived in Kettle River and Helen graduated as salutatorian of the Cromwell Class of 1941. She attended DBU after high school. Helen worked at Carnegie Dock and Fuel as a secretary. On December 23, 1943 Helen married Fred Stone in Duluth. They made their home in Las Vegas during WWII because Fred was stationed there. After the war, they returned to Cromwell and took over the family farm.

Helen worked as a hot lunch cook at both Cromwell and Eagle Lake until 1969. She was a Stanley dealer for more than 45 years. She was also a Modern Woodman Junior Director for many years.

Helen was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church, the Roadrunners, and was a life time member of the Cromwell Wright American Legion Auxiliary. Helen enjoyed quilting, playing scrabble and cribbage, flower and vegetable gardening, and reading.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Fred; son, Fred Jr.; three sisters, Martha Lehti, Elizabeth Mattson, and Alma Maki; brothers, Arthur and Oliver Kankaala; and son-in-law, Roger Forse.

She is survived by two daughters, Susan (Richard) Randa of Cloquet and Carol Forse of Moose Lake; two sons, Gary Stone of Manzanillo, Mexico and Bruce (Charry) Stone of Balsam Lake, Wisc.; nine grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

Visitation: 10 until the 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service Saturday, December 16, 2017 in Bethany Lutheran Church in Cromwell. Inurnment will be in Forest Hill Cemetery in Cromwell. Arrangements entrusted to Atkins Northland Funeral Home, Cloquet. To sign the guest book and offer an online tribute, see www.atkinsnorthlandfuneralhome.com

Comments



“ Gary, I was so sad to read that your Mom passed away. I lost my foster Mom Zula a few years ago, so I know how hard it is to lose your Mom. I hope the beautiful memories that you all have of Helen will help you through this difficult time.

December 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ To Helen's family:
We remember with a smile all the "Red Clover Roadrunners" picnics at your folks' place. Your mom was full of energy and vitality. She was very welcoming when we moved here so many years ago. She made us feel that we had found our home in this community.
Thoughts & prayers for your (and our) loss,
Wayne & Liz Thom

December 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I want to express my condolences on the passing of Helen. I met Helen through my late father, Wilho Mattson, as they shared a special friendship in their later years. I'll always remember the saunas after a long day of deer hunting on her property. She would invite us in for coffee and cake or cookies and conversation afterward. Sometimes that may even include a "medicinal" shot of brandy. A perfect hostess! So on behalf of my fellow hunters (brother Kevin Mattson, brother-in-law Vern Lund and nephew Jerry Lund) we bid you farewell Helen and feel grateful to have known you. I regret that I cannot make it to the service.

December 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Stone family,
We have many fond memories of Helen through the years. She was a very thoughtful person and kind to everyone. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.
God bless you,
Rick and Julie Houck,
Mission, Tx

Forget Me Nots - December 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss of such a sweet woman! What a beautiful picture of your mom! My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time! Connie (Heikkila) Schmit, Grand Marais, MN.

December 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Many memories working with Helen in the kitchen in the high school cafeteria ...such a joy to work with her daily. She made the best hamburger gravy!!! My condolences to her family!!
Colene Vigness Lenhart

December 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM