



## Helen Caldwell Linder

January 30, 1925 - May 27, 2020

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Helen, age 95, passed away peacefully on May 27th with her daughters at her bedside.

Helen was born on the family farm near Langdon Iowa to John and Martha Caldwell. Moving to Minnesota as a young girl, she enjoyed her country school days in Delton Township and graduated from Windom High School in 1942. She was always proud of her childhood accomplishment of showing her Grand Champion black angus steer at The Minnesota State Fair.

While a busy mother of three daughters in Windom Helen worked in the office of the family business, Caldwell Meat Packing until 1962 when Minneapolis became her family's new home.

She found great pleasure in her new-found career as Personnel Director at Ebenezer Senior Living. Her many years of employment there were sorely missed when she retired. Helen was a faithful member of the Methodist church and served countless hours over several decades. After living in South Minneapolis for 46 years she lived the rest of her life at Walker Westwood Ridge Senior Living in West St Paul where she was a favorite of all the dedicated staff who took care of her. Many staff over the years said she had an infectious smile and was kind to all. Friends and family who knew her best would say she had a sharp sense of humor, and was a real lover of books (the thicker the better), crossword puzzles, church, cleaning and organizing, sewing, watermelon and popcorn. In her last few years she liked to talk about

her days in Windom with her brothers, nieces, nephews and old friends there. Her grandchildren have fond memories; eating watermelon on the patio, her beautiful smile, playing in her basement and riding her exercise bike, her pantry filled with sugar free Jello, Cheetos, popcorn, sugar wafers and Diet Pepsi. Teaching laundry and housekeeping basics. Getting good advice on managing a pinball business. They describe her as smart, funny, kind, sassy, independent, giving and resourceful.

Christmas was a special time to sit on Grandma's lap and open gifts or look at her travel scrapbook. She so enjoyed meeting her first great-grandchild last year. We are thankful that we had her in our lives for so many years and we will miss her greatly. We love you Mom. See ya' later alligator--

Preceded in death by: parents Martha and John Caldwell Sr, brothers Pat Caldwell and John Caldwell Jr, daughter Jody Linder.

Survived by: daughters Nancy Schmitt, Mendota Heights MN and Connie Gorman (Steve), North Oaks MN, grandchildren Eric Schmitt-Woodbury MN, Emily Gorman Pak (Eric)-Seattle WA, Anna Gorman Stafford (Nathan)-Springfield MO and Maddie Gorman Collmus (Whit)-Atlanta GA, great-grandchild Judah Stafford.