



Helen Maxine Tellefsen

January 10, 1921 - February 15, 2011

Died peacefully on Feb. 15th 2011 at the age of 90. Helen was born in Highland, WI. on Jan. 10, 1921 to Rev. Joseph and Mable Jacobson. Helen was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Rev. Ralph, as well as brothers, Luther and Obed. While still an infant, the family moved to Hendrum, MN. After graduation from Hendrum High School, she attended Concordia College in Moorhead, MN for two years. In 1941, she moved to Seattle, WA. to be close to her brother Obed before he left to serve in WWII. While working in Seattle as a bookkeeper, she met Rev. Ralph Tellefsen, who was an intern at Denny Park Lutheran Church. Romance blossomed and on Sept. 9, 1943, they were married by Pastor Jacobson, her father. They were blessed with four children: Sheryl (Don) Smith, Gayle (Ken) Dickerson, Ralph (Julie) Tellefsen, and Joy (Dana) Munson. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Helen and Ralph served parishes in Berlin, NH, Elizabeth, NJ, West Hempstead, NY, Staples, Crookston, and Fertile, MN. Helen's entire lifetime was one of loving and serving her precious Savior, her family, and the church families where they served. While serving at Concordia Lutheran in Fertile, she led a high school age Christian encounter team called "One Way". She loved and mentored so many of those young people, many of whom went on to serve in Christian ministry. She also was a sought after women's retreat speaker and Bible teacher. Her passion in life was that everyone would come to know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. Funeral services for Helen will be 11:00 AM Friday, Feb. 25th at North Heights

Lutheran Church, 2701 North Rice Street, Roseville, MN with a visitation beginning at 10:00 AM until the time of the service. Memorials preferred to North Heights Lutheran Church Global Missions.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Such a loss to us but God's gain! She loved her Lord and everyone so very much At last she is in the place the Lord has prepared for her! We miss her and cherish our memories of our time in Fertile, MN with her and Ralph.*

We wish we could have been with you all today as you said your goodbyes but illness prevented us from coming.

*In Jesus Love and ours
Jan and Herb Lyson*

Herb & Jan Lyson - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *The world has lost a great woman. She raised 4 great kids and was with the man of her life for 67 years. She did not have to talk about her faith, because her faith was her. I will miss her so. Brian*

Brian Swanagan - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I have many wonderful memories of Helen & Rev. Ralph as wonderful friends of my parents, Harriet and Bob Jolls. Both Helen & Rev. Ralph were wonderful Christian examples for all who came in contact with them. They left Trinity in Crookston when I was in 6th grade, but they never left the circle of friendship & fellowship of our family. My parents shared many times together with them at the lake (Pelican & Big Cormorant) and in Florida. May God give you His comfort in your loss, and His peace in knowing Helen is with the Lord forever. God's blessings to each of you.
Janet (Jolls) Peterson*

Janet (Jolls) Peterson - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM