



## Helen Mae Unga

January 31, 1924 - March 18, 2023

Unga, Helen Mae age 99, of St. Therese Oxbow Lake, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Saturday March 18, 2023. Preceded in death by her loving husband of 54 years, David; daughter, Mary Beth Unga; brothers, John and Jim Phelps; sister, Charlotte Hawkins. Survived by children, Bill Unga (Virginia Knowles), Gary Unga, Mike (Carmen) Unga, Tim (Laurie) Unga, Kathy Unga, Mark (Barbara) Unga; 10 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren. Helen was born on a farm in Bradford, Illinois the daughter of Will and Edith (Snyder) Phelps. She met David while attending Iowa State in Ames, Iowa and married July 26, 1944. Helen and David spent the next nineteen years maintaining a farm in Dyersville, Iowa where David practiced as a large animal veterinarian. Her family of nine uprooted and moved to the Portland, Oregon area for 20 years, eventually retiring in Sequim, then Lynden, Washington, and finally St. Therese in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. Some of her greatest joys were the forests of the Pacific Northwest, teddy bears, and strawberries. She also loved gardening, choir singing, playing the organ, sewing and painting. Above all, Helen served her God, her husband and her children. She will be deeply missed. A special thanks to the staff at St. Therese of Oxbow Lake for the special love and care shown to Helen. Helen will be buried next to her husband and daughter Mary Beth in Hillsboro, Oregon. washburn-mcreavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996