



Helen Welborn Sprague

March 24, 1921 - August 1, 2021

Helen Welborn Sprague passed away August 1, 2021 at South Central Regional Medical Center in Arkansas City, Kansas. She was born March 24, 1921 in rural Grenola to George N. and Blanche (Harvey) Thompson. She received her early education at Wolf Creek School south of Grenola and graduated from Grenola High School class of 1938.

She was a lifelong member of the Grenola United Methodist Church.

In 1939 she married Harold Welborn and they made their home in Independence, Missouri before moving to rural Grenola, in 1954. Helen worked at Farm Bureau Insurance at Howard and later was employed at 1st National Bank of Howard. The Welborns purchased the Shaffer Real Estate and Insurance Agency in Grenola.

After Harold's death in 1979, she married Gilbert Wirth in 1981. He passed away in 1996. In 2001 Helen married Lee Sprague. He passed in 2007.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters Marguerite Vaughn and Jimmie Madden.

Helen is survived by daughter Renee Wells and her husband Richard of Grenola, Rocky Welborn and his wife Joan, of Wichita. 6 grandchildren:

Melanie Martin, Debbie (Darryl) Littrell, Jeff (Janelle) Wells, Denise (Jake) Liebau, Troy (Dawn) Welborn, Tara (Cory) Crain. 17 great grandchildren and 9 great great grandchildren complete the 5 generation family.

Visitation will be held at Countryside Funeral Home in Howard, KS on Thursday August 5 from 5:30-7:30pm.

Funeral services will be held at the Grenola United Methodist Church in Grenola, KS on Friday August 6 at 1:30pm, interment to follow in Green Lawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Grenola Methodist Church, Grenola Historical Society, or Grenola Senior Center and may be made through Countryside Funeral Home, 206 E. Washington, PO Box 1233, Howard, KS 67349.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Cemetery

Grenola, KS 67346

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Howard
206 E. Washington
P.O. Box 1233
Howard, KS 67349
(620) 374-2381

Service

AUG 6. 1:30 PM (CT)

Grenola United Methodist Church
N Elm St & West Oak St
Grenola, KS 67346

Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Helen Welborn Sprague.*



August 04, 2021 at 10:13 PM



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



August 04, 2021 at 07:26 PM



“ *CLEVELAND STEEL CONTAINER purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Helen Welborn Sprague.*



CLEVELAND STEEL CONTAINER - August 04, 2021 at 05:12 PM



“ *We were blessed with Helen's friendship and have many happy memories. She was a lovely lady and will truly be missed.*

Loretta Terry - August 04, 2021 at 02:41 PM

DT

“ *Debbie T. purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Helen Welborn Sprague.*



Debbie T. - August 04, 2021 at 10:30 AM



“ *Helen was a great neighbor to my dad Leroy Terry she was a thoughtful caring lady that will be greatly missed ... thinking of you all during this time she was a great human being with a kind loving heart Debbie McGarrah*

Debbie Terry-Mcgarrah - August 04, 2021 at 10:23 AM

DH

“ *Dawn Harrington lit a candle in memory of Helen Welborn Sprague*



Dawn Harrington - August 04, 2021 at 12:37 AM

JW

“ *Jennifer Wunderlich lit a candle in memory of Helen Welborn Sprague*



Jennifer Wunderlich - August 03, 2021 at 06:28 PM

JG

“Helen was a wonderful neighbor to my parents, Wilber and Irene Shaff. She was also good about calling my mother, who is in the nursing home in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and keeping her up to date on Grenola happenings. I know my mother will miss that and Helen will be dearly missed.

Janis Gipson - August 03, 2021 at 05:18 PM



“Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Welborn Sprague.



August 03, 2021 at 05:07 PM

RB

“Helen was good neighbor across the street from my Mother Doris Berry. They belong to the quilting club. May the Lord be with you. We think of all of you. Roy & Geraldine Berry God Bless

Roy & Geraldine Berry - August 03, 2021 at 04:45 PM

JL

“Judy Lundy lit a candle in memory of Helen Welborn Sprague



Judy Lundy - August 03, 2021 at 08:08 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Helen Welborn Sprague.*



August 02, 2021 at 11:00 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Helen Welborn Sprague.*



August 02, 2021 at 10:41 PM



“ *Randy Rivers lit a candle in memory of Helen Welborn Sprague*



Randy Rivers - August 02, 2021 at 09:03 PM