



Helen Elnora McGowen

April 4, 1913 - August 16, 2012

Helen Elnora McGowen, 99, of New Castle, went home to be with the Lord, Thursday, August 16, 2012 at Glen Oaks Health Campus.

She was born April 4, 1913 in Elkhart County, Indiana, a daughter of the late Albert and Maude (Clindaniel) Davis.

Helen was a 1931 graduate of LaPaz High School and earned a degree in elementary education from Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana. She was a devoted teacher for 28 1/2 years, teaching grades one through four at LaPaz Elementary. Together, she and her husband owned and operated a spearmint farm and Sprig-O-Mint Golf Course near Bremen, Indiana.

She was a member of Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen, Indiana, and attended the First Christian Church and Church of Christ, both in New Castle.

She was a member of the Indiana State Teachers Association, National Education Association and the Order of Eastern Star. After retirement she attended Bible Study Fellowship and was a volunteer tutor at Westminster Center.

She is survived by a daughter, Sandra (husband: Howard) Pruim of New Castle; two grandchildren, Lori Newby of New Castle and Jeffrey (wife: Lisa) Pruim of Carmel; five great-grandchildren, Sarah Jett, Isaac Jett, Jacob Newby, Elliott Pruim and Kaitlynn Pruim; a brother, Dale Davis and a sister, Thelma Rader.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Vernus LaMar McGowen.

Graveside service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, August 19, 2012 at Bremen Municipal Cemetery, Bremen, Indiana, with Rev. Thomas L. Sproles officiating.

Friends may call from 4 – 6 p.m. Saturday at Sproles Family Funeral Home and from 1 – 3 p.m. Sunday at the cemetery.

The family would like to thank the entire staffs at Glen Oaks Senior Center at Forest Ridge and Legacy Lane for her excellent care. We also thank her wonderful doctor, Dr. Joy Stone.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Indiana Chapter, 50 E. 91st. Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240 with envelopes available at the funeral home.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com. Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Helen McGowen.

Tribute Wall

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“ My sympathies to the family. Mrs. McGowan was my 4th grade teacher and was both a wonderful teacher and a lovely human being. I remember kindness and patience and how much I enjoyed being in her class and learning stuff. She was the best.

Linda L. Hildebrand - August 28, 2012 at 11:24 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are never alone. Turn to the Holy Scriptures for guidance and to help soothe your heart. Psalms 34;18 assures us that God is near to those broken at heart and crushed in spirit. Please accept my deepest sympathies.

S Ford - August 27, 2012 at 06:25 PM

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“ I was saddened to see the passing of Mrs. McGowan. I was a little girl in the 4th grade and I had the sweetest teacher. Her name was Mrs. McGowan. I am 55 yrs. old now, but I have vivid memories of her. I loved her, because she always read to us. To this day, I attribute my love of reading to her taking the time to read to our class. My sincerest condolences to her family. She was very special. Patricia Kline.

Patricia Kline - August 17, 2012 at 07:17 PM