

**Helen Langenfeld, 91****July 6, 1923 - Sept. 17, 2014**

**HARLAN** — Helen Marie Langenfeld was born on July 6, 1923 to Fred and Anna (Hoehn) Stinn. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, where she remained a lifelong member. She graduated from St. Joseph's Catholic School with the Class of 1941 and received her registered nursing degree from St. Catherine's Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska in 1944. She did private duty nursing in Omaha until 1947 when she moved to Portland, Oregon and worked at the Veterans Hospital. After returning to Earling, Helen would ride the train to Omaha to work at the Veterans Hospital. She also worked in maternity and in the nursery of other hospitals.



October 8, 1949, Helen was united in marriage to Mark Langenfeld. They became parents to four children: Kim, Dean, Jill, and Todd. She became a stay at home mom and homemaker but retained her EMT and RN status to be able to help with any medical situations in and around Earling. Her entire life was dedicated to medicine and she and her husband Mark were responsible for starting the ambulance service in Earling. In 1970, Helen was named Citizen of the Year in Earling due to her active support of the city and the church. She was an active volunteer for the American Red Cross working at the bloodmobiles for many years and was a member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Katherine, #266 of Earling. Helen was an avid baker and was often asked to bake pies for different events. She was a great cook and made meals in the pressure cooker and did lots of canning. She loved being a wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. After her husband retired from the bank, they enjoyed spending their winters in Arizona. Helen died on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, having attained the age of ninety-one years, two months, and eleven days.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, husband Mark, sisters Catherine Gubbels and Luella Rasmussen, and brothers Leonard and Cletus Stinn. She is survived by her children: Kim and her husband Gary Gundy of LaVista, NE, Dean Langenfeld and his wife Marsha of Earling, Jill and her husband Robin Jacobsen of Forsyth, IL, and Todd Langenfeld of Earling; twelve grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters Bernadine Stoltenberg of Omaha, NE and Regina Koesters of Council Bluffs; brother Frank Stinn and his wife Mary Ann of Tinley Park, IL; other family members and friends.

The 12:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. Wayne Gubbels on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Music was provided by Mary Wilwerding and Janet Blum. Serving as casket bearers were Troy Langenfeld, Mark Langenfeld, Max Langenfeld, Josh Jacobsen, Jay Gundy and David Woodhall. Helen dedicated her life to medicine and chose to donate her body to science.

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