

Farewell

*When I must leave you
For a little while,
Please do not grieve
And shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow
To you through the years,
But start out bravely
With a gallant smile;
And for my sake
And in my name
Live on and do
All things the same,
Feed not on your loneliness
On empty days,
But fill each waking hour
In useful ways,
Reach out your hand
In comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you
And hold you near;
And never, never
Be afraid to die,
For I am waiting
For you in the sky!*

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In Loving Memory



Helen Ruth Menke

July 25, 1923 – September 26, 2012



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Funeral Service

2:30 p.m., Monday, October 1, 2012
First Presbyterian Church
Miller, South Dakota

Minister

Rev. Brian Jones

Casketbearers

Brad Fransen
Jonathan Coup
William Menke

Collin Fransen
Andy Menke
Sarah Coup

Ushers

Jeff Clement & Lester Moeller

Organist

Kristi Prince

Congregational Hymn

"In the Garden"
"Morning Has Broken"

Interment

G.A.R. Cemetery
Miller, South Dakota

Helen Menke, 89, of Miller, passed away Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at the Good Samaritan Society, Miller.

Helen Ruth was born July 25, 1923 to Arthur and Bertha (Jones) Vennum. She grew up in Sioux Falls, SD; graduating from Washington High School in 1941. Her future husband, William "Bill" Menke was a high school classmate.

She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Her love for her Cornhuskers continued throughout her life. After college, Helen worked as a secretary for the President of the National Bank in Sioux Falls.

She reconnected with Bill and they were married on February 22, 1955 in Sioux Falls. They move to the family ranch in Rockdale Township in Hand County. She worked and volunteered at the Hand County Library for many years. After Bill's death in 1996, she moved into Miller.

In addition to her family, Helen loved cats, books, playing cards, Nebraska Cornhuskers and Mickey Mouse. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, PEO Chapter AK and the Nebraska Beta Chapter of Pi Beta Phi.

Survivors include her three sons and their families: John (Nancy Evans) Menke and their children, Andy and Margaret; Mark (Traci Hunt) Menke; and Paul (Karen Schaeffbauer) Menke and their children, Sarah (Jonathan) Coup, William and Christopher.

Proceeding her in death were her parents; her husband; and sister, Marjorie.