



REMEMBERING
Helen Harms

December 12, 1919 - January 11, 2016



Helen Harms, 96, returned to her heavenly home on January 11, 2016, after living a rich and fulfilling life. Her devotion to her family and her firm belief in God supported her throughout her years and ultimately gave her final peace.

Helen was born on December 12, 1919 in Reinfeld, Sagradofka, Russia. At the young age of 11/2, she and her brother became orphans. She was raised by her uncle, Jacob Boschmann until the age of 17. Her brother's whereabouts are unknown. In 1938 she met and then wed Heinrich Wiebe. Shortly thereafter they were blessed with two children, Martha and Arthur. Unfortunately, the circumstances of war separated the young couple and they were never to see each other again. Heinrich was missing in action and presumed dead. Helen resolved to being a widow and single mother. Helen and her two children escaped the war in 1947 when she boarded a ship and fled to Paraguay in search of refuge and safety. She settled her family in Halbstadt, Neuland and began a new life. She was immersed in the Christian community that would be her lifelong support from an early age and on July 6th, 1947 she was baptized. A few years later, Helen came to know Kurt Harms and they became best friends. The two were married in 1953 and were blessed with two additional children, Harold and Sandy. Helen raised her four children with patience, discipline and humility. From the very beginning, she dedicated her children to God and encouraged them to learn bible verses and explore the beauty of the gospels. Helen was a nurturer at heart. She was kind and dedicated her time to helping through her church. She is dearly missed by her loved ones, who celebrate the fact that she is at peace with her Lord and creator. Helen is survived by her husband, Kurt Harms; her four children, Martha Klassen (nee Wiebe) and her husband Eduard Klassen, Arthur Wiebe, Harold Harms and his wife Alecia, and Sandy Arbour (nee Harms) and her husband John, along with her nine grandchildren; Arlo, Marla, Sonja, Andrea, Jarred, Justin, Janessa, Amanda, Alexander, and her seven great-grandchildren; Haley, Loghan, Austin, Emma,

Kadyn, Jacob and Adielle. She was preceded in death by her parents Peter and Helen Boschman and her brother Peter.

