



HELEN M. ZAIGER

June 7, 1924 - February 14, 2019

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Helen M. Zaiger, age 94, of Caledonia, passed away peacefully Thursday, February 14, 2019 at Tweeten Gundersen Health Care Center in Spring Grove, MN.

Helen was born June 7, 1924 in Athens, WI, to Joseph and Celia (Rhode) Hon. Helen's mother died when she was 4 years old and Helen was placed in an orphanage with some of her siblings in La Crosse, WI for 8 years. She was adopted by Helen and Bill Flannery of Hokah.

In November of 1946 she married John Zaiger in LaCrosse and John passed away in 1983. In Helen's early years she worked at Benson's Optical and the Tosa Club in LaCrosse. John and Helen moved to a farm in Hokah, MN in 1949 and farmed until 1975, and then moved to Caledonia. Helen worked for Rush Products for 25 years. She loved her family, animals, doing jigsaw puzzles, reading and of course, BINGO. Even though she couldn't drive, she was always able to get where she wanted to go.

She is survived by her 6 children, John Zaiger, JoAnn Welsh, Shirlee Lenser, Carol (Robert) Verthein, Linda Esch, and Mary Ann (Kurt) Christian; 13 grandchildren, Bob Kuecker, Lori Kuecker, Kathy Welsh, Jim Welsh, Bobbie

Jo Verthein, Mike Verthein, Darryl Esch, Mark Esch, Chris Zaiger, Angie Tenkley, Holly Burrichter, Brooke Christian, and Jesse Christian; and 18 great Grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; twin sister, Mary; sister, Sr. Elizabeth Hon, and 3 brothers.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 am on Tuesday, Feb. 19th, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Caledonia. Father Steven Abaukaka will officiate and burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Caledonia. Visitation will be from 10-11 am Tuesday morning before the service at the church.

Tribute Wall

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“Helen was a dear friend. She had a heart of gold and a was a wonderful Grandma. Her grandchildren have many special memories of sleepovers, playing games and going for walks with her. I admired her deep faith in the Lord and her belief in the power of prayer. She was always thinking of others and praying for them. My deepest sympathy to all of her loved ones.

Debi Shuda

Debi Shuda - February 17, 2019 at 12:18 PM

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“My sympathies to all. I loved coming to stay over night at your farm house- the cook stove, the indoor pump, even the chilly upstairs. What fun we had. I was always so jealous your mom bought you Hollywood Magazines! We never got them at our house.
Shirley Ideker Blegen

shirley blegen - February 17, 2019 at 09:47 AM

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“We both send our Deepest Sympathies to you all. I always enjoyed visiting with your Mom when I was still working in Caledonia. She so enjoyed playing her Bingo with family and friends ! Our prayers are with you !
Nancy & Charlie

Nancy Schroeder - February 16, 2019 at 10:25 AM

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“Our sympathy to the Zaiger family, Karen and Rick Woods

Ricky Woods - February 16, 2019 at 09:03 AM

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“ *Thinking of the Zaiger family...lots of good memories of Helen when we were in HS & visited MaryAnn on Marshall St.*

Dave & Wilma Schoh - February 15, 2019 at 09:31 PM