



Helen M. Smith

November 16, 1908 - March 1, 2012

Helen M. Smith of Tustin died Thursday, March 1, 2012 under the loving care of Sunnyside Senior Living in Cadillac where she had been for a year and a half. She was 103. She was born on November 16, 1908 in Tustin to Sven Andrew & Carolina (Nelson) Samuelson. She married Clifford D. Smith and he preceded her in death in 1961.

Helen was a school teacher in one room schoolhouses in Tustin, Muskegon, Maple Ridge and then on to Mona Shores where she retired from in 1972. As a teacher Helen enjoyed her summers and weekends at the old farm house in Tustin and then it was back to work in Muskegon. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Tustin for many years. Mrs. Smith enjoyed playing cribbage, bingo, phone conversations, crocheting, traveling (going to the Holy lands was one of her highlights) and her many coffee chats friends and family.

Survivors include her children: Belva June (Gene) Turner of Twin Lake, Gerald Smith of Tustin, Sonja (Karl) Westman of Cadillac, Wayne (Sherri) Smith of Muskegon; daughter-in-law, Cindy Smith of Mount Pleasant; 12 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren; 10 great-great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Ruby Samuelson of Lansing; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by 3 brothers: Carroll, Arthur and Clarence Samuelson and 2 sisters: Florence Samuelson and Madeline VanBergan.

Funeral services will be held 2:30 PM Sunday, March 4, 2012 at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac with Reverend Sean Nemecek officiating. Burial will be at Burdell Township Cemetery in Osceola County. Friends may meet the family from 1:30 PM Sunday until time of services. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of Tustin. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

BB

“ We knew Helen when she was in Muskegon at Oakwood Baptist Church.
Our sympathies to the family. She was a great lady.

Bob & Joyce Bird - March 06, 2012 at 10:13 PM

LD

“ Helen ate meals with my Mom(Herm) at Sunnyside. We miss her.
She was a very sweet lady.

Linda Dishman - March 03, 2012 at 08:43 AM

BB

“ OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY MANY GOOD MEMORIES OF YOUR MOM

BOB AND SHARON BRAMER - March 02, 2012 at 01:15 PM

MW

“ Mrs. Smith was my first grade teacher. She was very special to me as I was born with a handicap and she was thoughtful about watching out for me.

Mary (Moore) Weimer - March 02, 2012 at 11:10 AM

RW

“ Our love, thoughts, and prayers are with all of you. Earth's loss is heaven's gain - another bright star in the evening sky.

Ray & Pat Wiseman - March 02, 2012 at 10:50 AM

DH

“ *Sad to say good-bye to Helen...happy to have so many, many memories of get-togethers over the years.*

Dan and Louise Hvizdos - March 01, 2012 at 08:19 PM