



## Helen Garner Abel

May 6, 1930 - May 26, 2020

Helen Garner Abel, age 90 of Sharp went home to be with her Lord early Tuesday morning, May 26, 2020, in The Meridian of Temple Health Center. A private graveside service will be held at the IOOF Cemetery in Rockdale, Texas with Pastor Gary Veit officiating.

Helen was born May 6, 1930 to Bessie and Hicks Garner, the middle child of 7 siblings. She grew up in the Duncan Community during the depression, and worked very hard on the farm to help her family and learned to accept responsibilities at a very young age. She graduated from Sharp High School, as the Valedictorian, in May of 1947. The very next day, she married the love of her life, Henry W. Abel.

Helen was a true lady who walked with grace and dignity all of her life. She loved her family with a fierce loyalty, and was known as “Mama” or “Granny” by her children and grandchildren. She was a devoted wife and Help Meet to her husband, Henry. Helen had a beautiful servant’s heart and did everything she set her mind to with excellence, whether it was cooking, cleaning, sewing, teaching, gardening, or hiding Easter eggs. She without doubt made the very best biscuits and gravy and milkshakes in all the land. Helen is treasured for the incredibly special woman that she was by family and friends alike, and she will be deeply missed.

Helen is preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Henry W. Abel on August 14, 2013; her parents Hicks and Bessie Garner; two brothers Hicks Jr. and Robert E. Garner; and two sisters Mildred Holcomb and Bonnie Dark.

She is survived by her son, Henry Abel Jr. and wife Lisa of Friendswood, and daughter Susan Abel Voskamp and husband Tommy of Lubbock/Rockdale; two sisters, Martha Garner Garth of Richardson and Beverly Garner Key and husband Norman of San Antonio, and one sister-in-law Carolyn Garner Nunley of Amarillo.

Helen is also survived by 8 grandchildren, Henry Abel III and wife Tonya of Friendswood, Heath Abel and wife Erika of Temple, Zach Salyer of Friendswood, Caleb Salyer and wife Lindsey of Willis, Molli Abel and fiancé Bradley Clapp of Houston, Hunter Abel and wife Samantha of Houston, Christy Canada and husband Daniel of Plains, and Travis Voskamp and wife Megan of Pocatello, ID. She is also survived by 16 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to Peace Lutheran Church, PO Box 308, Rockdale, TX 76567. In addition, memorials may be made to the Sharp Cemetery Association where Helen served on the board for many years.

# Tribute Wall

JO

“ Susan and Henry, we are sorry for the loss of your mom. Being next door neighbors we were always assured of a helping hand when needed. Our prayers and love will be with the family.

*Jim and Marge Oslick*

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**Jim Oslick** - June 01, 2020 at 10:29 PM

NB

“ Was shocked this morning to see that Helen Abel had passed away. She was so nice and I enjoyed talking to her the few times I was around her at family events. So sorry for your loss and God be with all of the family. Norvell

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**NORVELL BARRETT** - May 29, 2020 at 11:04 AM

JY

“ Heath, so sorry for the loss of your Granny. She was such a sweet and loving lady. Enjoyed visiting with her at church. She will truly be missed.

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**Judy York** - May 28, 2020 at 11:11 AM

IH

“ Susan and Tommy, We are so sorry for your loss. Your mom was always so friendly and such a great smile when we would see her in church. May God's peace be with all of you at this time.

*Leonard and Iris Hoff*

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**Iris Hoff** - May 28, 2020 at 08:22 AM

WD

“ *Heath and Erika, My deepest condolences in the loss of your dear grandmother. May God uphold you during this critical time. I love you both. Winnie Dyer*

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**Winnie Dyer** - May 27, 2020 at 04:29 PM

CL

“ *Henry Jr. and Susan, so sorry to hear of your loss. Your mom was such a lady and a dear friend. Our prayers and love will be with the family. Love, Leon and Coty Jo.*

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**Coty jo Love** - May 27, 2020 at 02:29 PM