



**LORD**

make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon; where there  
is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.

**O, Divine Master** grant that I may  
not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to  
eternal life.

**SAINT - FRANCIS**

**APPRECIATION**

The family wishes to express their gratitude for your kindness evidenced in thought and deed,  
and for your attendance at the funeral service.

**SCHULER-LEFEBVRE FUNERAL CHAPEL - Humboldt, Saskatchewan**

*"Dedicated to those we serve."*

*In Loving Memory Of*  
***Helen Joanna Steffen***



*June 19, 1921 ~ December 11, 2017*

*96 Years*

**FUNERAL MASS:**

Friday, December 15, 2017 - 2:00 p.m.

St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church Humboldt, Saskatchewan

**Celebrant:**

Fr. Michael Yaremko

**Crossbearer:**

Corrine Thoms

**Scripture Readers:**

Valerie Sorensen & Ken Schmitz

**Intentions:**

Jayne Johnston

**Giftbearers:**

Helen's Goddaughters

Gloria Hunley & Shandar Mann

**Music Ministry:**

**Organist:** Marie Aubin **Soloist:** Shandar Mann  
and members of St. Augustine Parish Funeral Choir

**Eulogist:**

Darcie Anderson

**Memorial Table Attendants:**

Rosemary Reynaud & Caroline Biber

**Active Pallbearers:**

Richard Steffen	Henry Schwanbeck	Dennis Steffen
Brent Loehr	Nicklas Anderson	Scott Johnston

**INTERMENT:**

St. Peter's Roman Catholic Cemetery Muenster, Saskatchewan

**Memorial Donations:**

St. Mary's Villa Foundation or  
Humboldt District Hospital Foundation Spiritual Care Endowment Fund

**Memorial Luncheon:**

St. Augustine Parish Hall

Helen was born on June 19, 1921 in the Muenster District to Charles Sr. and Catherine (nee Metz) Steffen. She grew up on the family farm and attended Ives School until grade eight, and then helped with caring for her sister Lydia who had been stricken with polio. After Lydia passed away in 1966 Helen remained on the homestead and cared for her aging parents until their passing. In 1972 she moved to Humboldt initially sharing an apartment with her sister, Viola, until 1979 and then she moved into a small house. She was employed at St. Mary's Villa from 1974 until 1986 working in various departments including housekeeping, nurse's aide and later as the laundry supervisor. She retired at the age of 65 and then enjoyed keeping busy volunteering at the Villa and babysitting for local families. She became a "nana" to the Harrington children for three years until they moved to Edmonton. Helen often reflected that they were the happiest years of her life. She always loved babies and little children. When the Harrington's moved they left their white stuffed owl with Helen of which she proudly displayed in every home she moved to. We all knew she loved owls and this was the beginning of her extensive owl collection, which were mostly gifts. She was able to do some travelling with family and friends in Canada and into the United States. In 2004, she moved to the Harry Ford Center and later, due to declining health, moved to Bethany Pioneer Village in Middle Lake. She returned to Humboldt into St. Mary's Villa in 2013. She was content at the Villa and went full circle from her life of being a caregiver there to someone who was being cared for. Helen will be fondly remembered as a kind and loving soul. Helen will be lovingly remembered by her sister Alice Schwanbeck; three sisters-in-law: Agnes Steffen, Josephine Steffen and Gwen Atwood; numerous nieces and nephews; and her special second family, The Harringtons. Helen was predeceased by her parents, Charles Sr. and Catherine (nee Metz) Steffen; brothers: Henry, Anton, Ervin, Raymond, Charles Jr., and Lawrence; three infant brothers: Peter, Englebert and George; sisters: Lydia Steffen and Viola Steffen; brother-in-law James Schwanbeck; and sister-in-law Theresa Funke.