



Helen J. Schumburg

April 16, 1933 - February 8, 2025

Helen Jo Schumburg, 91, of Rockford, IA passed away peacefully on Saturday February 8, 2025 under the care of St. Croix Hospice at the Nora Springs Care Center. Arrangements are with Fullerton Funeral Home. No services will be held at this time, a service of remembrance will be held at a later date.

Helen was born on April 16, 1933 in Odebolt, IA to Edgar Henry Reuber and Eva Drucilla (Freese) Reuber. She graduated from Odebolt High School, then attended Iowa Teacher's College to earn her two year teaching degree and later obtained her Bachelor's degree from UNI in 1976. On August 3, 1957, she was united in marriage to, James "Jim" LeRoy Schumburg at the Lohrville, IA United Methodist Church. They had two children - Steven and Janet. In 1966, they moved to Rockford, IA where Jim and Helen operated and owned Schumburg Furniture and Funeral Home until retiring in 2000.

Helen found profound joy and meaning when teaching her beloved kindergarten and 3rd grade students in Lohrville, Sioux City, Rudd and Rockford. She also helped run the daily operations of the funeral home by answering phones, typing funeral registry books, and carefully penning upcoming visitation and funeral information signs for all to see on the Post Office door. Helen frequently sang solos for funerals and made her family promise 'The Old Rugged Cross' would never be played at her funeral. Helen

also introduced Rockford to the versatility of microwave ovens by hosting cooking demonstrations at the furniture store when the ovens first appeared in the 70's.

Helen was very active in her community. A member of the First United Methodist Church in Rockford, she lived her faith every day. She proudly served on the licensing committee for new pastors of the Iowa UMC Conference, was United Women of Faith district treasurer, sang in church choirs and volunteered in many capacities in the Rockford church. She was a member of PEO for over 50 years, Eastern Star and assisted with Rainbow Girls. In her free time, Helen enjoyed sewing clothing for her daughter, loving her 'kitties', collecting stamps, and reading her newspapers. She was truly a sweet woman and will be remembered by her family and friends for her loving heart and the kindness she showed everyone.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Jim Schumburg and children: Steve "Felix" Schumburg of Cedar Falls, IA and Janet Schumburg of Rockford, IA, her cherished sister, Grace Long and a small, tight knit group of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Dorothy Drucilla Higby, brother-in-law, Warren Long and sister-in-law Jane Ann Blann.

Expressions of sympathy and memorials may be sent to the First United Methodist Church, 21 Third St NW, Rockford, IA 50468 or a favorite children's charity.

Tribute Wall

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“ *To the Schumburg Family:*

I just learned of Mrs. Schumburg's passing and my prayers and deepest sympathies. Mrs. Schumburg was my third grade teacher in Rockford and she was one of the most kindhearted and dedicated teachers I ever had the privilege of having. She was instrumental in developing my interest in reading at a young age and helped guide me on a path to continue reading and learning that has followed me throughout my life. I am so thankful and grateful I had the chance to have Mrs. Schumburg as a teacher and she had such a positive impact on my life at a growing age. Rest in Peace, Mrs. Schumburg.
- Professor Chad Marzen

Chad Marzen - June 28, 2025 at 04:53 PM

VS

“ *Deepest sympathy to Jim, Janet, and Steve. My parents were good friends with Jim and Helen. Helen was the nicest person you ever met. She always made extra food because people were always visiting. She was so warm and welcoming. I used to babysit for Steve and Janet and I spent time at the funeral home. I hope you have many happy memories to comfort you.*
Vicki Siefers

Vicki Siefers - March 08, 2025 at 06:12 PM

EV

“ My husband and I remember Helen subbing at Rockford school when we were young. She also went to church with my husband Orey at the Methodist church. More recently we had the pleasure of seeing her often at the nursing home as my Grandma and Grandpa's neighbor. She always stopped on her way to the main hall to wave and smile at my grandparents. Rest in Peace sweet Helen. The Clapps/ VonHagens

Elizabeth VonHagen - February 18, 2025 at 06:13 PM

BL

“ Deepest sympathies to you, Jim, Steve, Janet and Aunt Grace. Rest in peace , Helen

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Helen and I shared many conversations over tea for more than 50 years. She was dedicated to all her students and gave of herself unselfishly to her family and community. A true lady with unending kindness to all who knew her. She will be missed. God's loving arms welcomed her HOME. My love to you all, Barb L

Barb Lehmann - February 15, 2025 at 09:06 PM

KF

She was my third grade teacher in Rudd. I remember thinking wow, she is so nice and proper! I liked her! Truly was an amazing lady around as I read her obituary. My sympathies to you Jim, Janet, and Steve and all the extended families and friends.

Kim F - February 18, 2025 at 04:37 PM

UC

We're sending our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to Jim and his family during this time. With love and support from your Sisters and Brothers with Unity Chapter #58, Mason City, Order of the Eastern Star.

Unity Chapter #58 OES Mason City - February 21, 2025 at 07:44 PM



*We are so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing, Janet.
Sending prayers of comfort and love. We always loved it when you
parents came to visit you in Utah, and we'd see them at church. Feel
free to drop us an email.
Shirley and Moe*

Shirley Allin Schroter - March 17, 2025 at 04:57 PM