



Helen M. Ueleke

July 8, 1922 - December 29, 2019

Helen M. Ueleke was born in 1922 in St Louis, Missouri to Reverend William H. Wolfe and Lena L. Wolfe. She moved to Cape Girardeau in 1937 when her father was called to Pastor Grace United Methodist Church. She attended Southeast Missouri State University. In 1941 Helen married Norman H. Ueleke and taught school briefly at Gordonville and Chaffee. Later she helped to manage the family business, Ueleke Hardware, for 25 years. A musician at heart, Helen not only learned to play the piano and organ at an early age, but went on to teach others for many years. In addition to being Organist at Grace United Methodist for several decades, she played for countless weddings and funerals.

Her faith was the focus of her life in all that she did. As a member of Grace United Methodist for 82 years, she was a Sunday School teacher into her early 90's. For many years she was very active in United Methodist Women at both the local and state level, holding several leadership positions. Those leadership skills also led to involvement in Church Women United as President and member of the State Board.

Helen is survived by a sister, Ruth Nothdurft, sister-in-law, Gisele Wolfe, two children, John Ueleke (Margaret), Norma Engelhardt (Chuck), four grandchildren, Mindy Fischer, Brian Ueleke, Abi Thomas, Aaron Engelhardt, and 6 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband,

brother, sister, and a great-grandson.

Services will be held at Grace United Methodist Church on Friday, January 3, with visitation at 10 am and the service at 11 am. Burial at Zion United Methodist Cemetery in Gordonville will be at 2pm.

Memorial donations may be given to Grace United Methodist Church, 521 Caruthers St, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701, Birthright, PO Box 741, Cape Girardeau, MO 63702-0741 or Adult & Teen Challenge Mid-America, 303 Matc Lane, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

Cemetery Details

Zion Methodist Church Cemetery

Gordonville
Gordonville, MO 63752

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace United Methodist Church
521 Caruthers Avenue
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace United Methodist Church
521 Caruthers Avenue
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall

DD

“ Our prayers are with you and sympathy during this sad time. Moms are so special and fill a big place in our lives. She is with her Lord now and I hope that gives you comfort when you think of her and all the memories you have of Helen.

Sincerely,
Dutch and Donna Delbene
Lake City, FL

Donna Delbene - January 04, 2020 at 01:29 PM

MM

“ There is little I can do or say to fill that aching hole in your heart, but you can all be comforted by the wonderful life your mom led and her marvelous legacy of graciousness, service, loyalty, and love she built for each of you.

I knew her through Norma, my colleague at the Tennessee School for the Blind, and she was certainly lovely, lively, and fun each time she visited Nashville during our teaching days. We enjoyed great laughs, good conversations, and time just "being." We are all better for having had her in our lives.

Love you,
Mac
(Mary Nelle McLennan)
Pittsburgh, PA

Mary Nelle McLennan - January 03, 2020 at 12:46 PM

CB

“ Thinking of ALL of you at this time & wishing you comfort & peace. Thanksgiving was always the Best at the Ueleke house! Aunt Helen made it fun with all her family games! Looked forward to playing games every time she visited in Florida as well. Will always remember her beautiful organ & piano playing. When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. Aunt Helen was a special 'treasure'. Our thoughts & prayers are with you.
Carol, Randy & Kelly

Carol Bradshaw - January 02, 2020 at 10:10 PM

JH

“ Your mother was a very special friend to the Hardeman Family. We appreciated her dedication to Grace Church. A special memory was her kindness to our son John when he had an eye injury. She sent him a card every during his recovery time. You are in my thoughts and prayers, She and I shared the same birthday, July 8. Love ,
Jane Hardeman

Jane Hardeman - January 01, 2020 at 01:22 PM

JB

“ Aunt Helen was a very talented and special lady. We are sorry to hear of her passing and extend our condolences to the family. We hope that memories of all the happy times you shared with her will bring you comfort. I, too, have lots of great memories of our trips to Cape for Thanksgiving as a child. It was really special to have Aunt Helen, Margaret, and Mindy visit us in CA to celebrate her 90th birthday. She was a trooper, visiting Alcatraz, and going on the 17 Mile Drive in Monterrey among other things. She will be missed by all who were privileged to know her. We send our love at this difficult time.

Julie and Mike Blau and family

Julie Blau - December 31, 2019 at 08:24 PM

DN

“ Our sympathies to all the family. I am so grateful for all the wonderful memories from childhood - especially the visits to Cape Girardeau for wonderfully fun Thanksgivings and all the family gatherings in Kansas and Missouri. As an adult, Ron and I will always enjoy the memories of Aunt Helen's visits to Florida and all the fun in the boat, picnics, games, stories and laughs. We are blessed to have her in our lives over the many years.



Donna Nothdurft - December 31, 2019 at 05:38 PM