



## Mrs. Helen Jane Spangler

February 26, 1935 - February 15, 2023

Helen Jane Spangler (nee Fringer) passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 15th, 2023 at AgeCare Seton, surrounded by family. Helen will lovingly be remembered by her five children: Craig (Maureen), Allan (Judy), Michael, Gwen (Mike) and Phyllis (Bob). Helen was the proud grandmother of Jaycee Spangler; Donald, Jillian (Mike) and Sam Spangler; Nicole (Mathew) Rutten and Tanner Jaillet; Kelsey, Melissa (Matthew) and Sarah Kinzner (Patrick); and her great-grand-children Hudson, Harlow, Hallie and Havyn Rutten. Helen was predeceased by her loving husband, Murray of 55 years; her parents Annie and Fulton; her twin sister, Evelyn; and daughter, Linda Anne.

“Grands” was devoted to her family, friends and community. She was born and raised in the Gladys Ridge area where she and her husband, Murray, were proud to have made their living as farmers. Her fondest memories were of watching her children grow up and being involved in their activities. She loved sports and playing games, particularly poker “Texas Hold’em” with her sister and friends from the Blackie/Gladys area and took many trips to Las Vegas. She loved to garden, to help Murray and the boys on the farm, and to be out working in the fields. She was very proud of her grandchildren and their accomplishments. Grands felt very blessed to live in the Gladys Ridge/Blackie communities and to have such wonderful relatives, neighbors and friends.

The family would like to thank the caregivers on Brighton West at AgeCare Seton and Dr. Saunders. Your compassion and care helped mom through the last chapter of her life.

A Private Family service which will be held on Saturday, February 25th. A Video Recording of the service will be available to the public at a later time.

In memoriam, donations can be made to either the Canadian Cancer Society or Heart and Stroke Foundation; two charities that Grands was actively involved with through much of her life.

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle Reeves Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Helen Jane Spangler*



**Lyle Reeves Funerals** - February 22, 2023 at 03:46 PM

JP

*Our condolences to the Spangler family. I'm so sorry to hear of Helen's passing. So many great memories of when we were kids.*

**Jackie Pope** - February 22, 2023 at 10:42 PM

FY

*My condolences to the Spangler family. Helen was a very special person and I am so glad I went to visit her recently. She was always so happy and always glad to see you. She will be missed. Fran and Dave Yip.*

**Fran Yipj** - February 23, 2023 at 12:26 PM

MS

*What a beautiful service for a very special woman. Our sincere condolences to the entire Spangler family. Our thoughts are with you. Art and Margaret Speelman*

**Margaret Speelman** - February 28, 2023 at 10:57 PM

JW

*What a beautiful service for Helen that honoured her and her values that were such an essential part of a wonderful lady. Joan Willoughby & family*

**Joan Willoughby** - March 08, 2023 at 09:50 PM

LG

*We send our condolences to the Spangler family. Helen was a lovely lady.*

*Lorraine Groeneveld & family*

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**LORRAINE GROENEVELD** - March 17, 2023 at 01:26 PM

DM

“ *David & Tammy Meadows lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Jane Spangler*



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**David & Tammy Meadows** - March 02, 2023 at 07:27 PM

JO

“ *Joyce lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Jane Spangler*



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**Joyce** - March 01, 2023 at 02:31 PM

LG

“ *Lynette Gillanders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Jane Spangler*



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**Lynette Gillanders** - February 28, 2023 at 11:34 PM

TF

“ Sincere condolences to all the Spangler families. Many good times were had with Murray, Helen Lorne & Faye during all those years of hauling mail, get togethers & going to dances at Gladys. Mom & Helen exchanged Xmas cards right up until this past year. Helen was a cherished friend & a hard working pillar of the community. Our thoughts are with you all.  
The McIntosh Family

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**The McIntosh Family** - February 27, 2023 at 10:54 AM

PM

“ Our deepest condolences to all of the Spangler family. Your are in our thoughts and prayers. Pat and Ted Moore

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**Pat Moore** - February 25, 2023 at 03:07 PM

CH

“ My deep, heartfelt condolences on the passing of your much beloved family member, Helen.

She was, in Len's experience, "the nicest balance of head and heart." She was essentially, "Love in Motion."

May Helen's legacy of being "a Bright Light" continue on!

With much appreciation and respect,  
Corinne Helliker and in memory, Len Parkin

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**Corinne Helliker** - February 25, 2023 at 02:14 PM

RR

“ Spangler Families-We are sending you all Big Hugs and Sympathy on the loss of your mom. We loved Helen and Merv so much and all the wonderful baseball memories. Love Roberta & Ross

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**Roberta & Ross** - February 24, 2023 at 09:19 PM

MC

“ Our condolences to the Spangler family on your loss. Warren and Shirley knew Helen much better than we did, however we did know that Helen was a key figure in the Blackie/Gladys community, had a great sense of humour and raised 5 great kids! She will be sorely missed. Tod and Marilyn Collard

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**Marilyn Collard** - February 24, 2023 at 07:34 PM

BC

“ Our sincere condolences to the Spangler family for their loss. Helen was a special person in our lives. Her caring nature was so much appreciated. She never forgot our birthdays. Her support and giving will never be forgotten. The fun times we had planting a garden out at the farm with her guidance was a wonderful time. Life ends but memory lives. Thank you, Helen. We will really miss you. Barry and Barb Cosgrove



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**Barry & Barb Cosgrove** - February 24, 2023 at 04:25 PM

IM

“ The Milton and McCloskey household lit a candle for Helen



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**Irene Milton** - February 24, 2023 at 11:23 AM

DG

“ *Darrell Groeneveld lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Jane Spangler*



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**Darrell Groeneveld** - February 23, 2023 at 09:48 PM

HB

“ *My sincere condolences to Helen's family, sorry to hear she passed. Helen was such a sweet lady and always a joy to be around!*

*Helen Bradley (née Robins)*

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**Helen Bradley** - February 23, 2023 at 06:15 PM

SE

“ *Another one of my "Special Blackie/Gladys Mom's" has left us... Truly Heaven's Gain*

*Helen always lite up my World whenever I had the privilege to see her.*

*Always a Beautiful, Gracious, Genuine Spirit, whom always greeted with a Hugh Smile and a Loving Heart ❤️.*

*My Thoughts and Prayers are with you All.*

*Helen was and will be "Forever Loved"*

*Susan Eamor*

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**Susan Eamor** - February 23, 2023 at 04:16 PM

SS

“ Craig, Allan, Micheal, Gwen, Phyllis and Families,

*We will cherish our memories of Aunt Helen and all the special times our families have spent together. Our thoughts are with all of you.*

*Love from,  
Suzanne, Al and Family*

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**Suzanne Schubert** - February 22, 2023 at 09:22 PM

KC

“ *Thinking of the Spangler family at this time. My prayers are for many memories of all the wonderful family times together.*



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**karen crawford** - February 22, 2023 at 09:18 AM

BD

“ *So very sorry to hear of Helen's passing. I have nothing but happy memories of every visit we shared with her and Murray. My deepest sympathy to all the family*

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**Bill Davis** - February 21, 2023 at 09:30 PM

LW

“ *Our condolences to all of you. I have fond memories of your Mom and Dad and family gatherings as a kid. Ray always enjoyed visiting with your folks. Thinking of you all ♡ I hope your Mom and Dad are with mine, having some laughs, playing a wild game of cards, and enjoying a drink together! Hugs to everyone ❤️*

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**Leslie & Ray Wasdal** - February 21, 2023 at 08:49 PM

PH

“ We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. Wayne and Phyllis

Phyllis Humphrey - February 21, 2023 at 03:16 PM

MB

“ sorry to hear about your Mom, she and Murray were such great neighbours and always had time for a visit and discussion about farming or kids!! She was definately one of the hardest working ladies in the country and raised some great kids! Joanne and Michael Bird

Michael Bird - February 21, 2023 at 01:44 PM

BM

“ To the Spangler families,  
We're keeping you in our thoughts and prayers ❤️  
Brenda, Graham, Mallory, Leah and Paige McCredie

Brenda McCredie - February 21, 2023 at 12:56 PM

RS

“ My sympathy to the Spangler family

Robert Suitor - February 21, 2023 at 12:45 PM

SG

“ Steve Gregg lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Helen Jane Spangler



Steve Gregg - February 21, 2023 at 12:10 PM

SW

“ Sharon And Bill Wegener lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Jane Spangler



Sharon and Bill Wegener - February 21, 2023 at 11:46 AM

CC

“ My deepest sympathy to the Spangler family



Cathy Couey - February 21, 2023 at 11:32 AM

LG

“ Lisa Groeneveld lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Jane Spangler



Lisa Groeneveld - February 21, 2023 at 10:55 AM

BP

“ Craig Allan Michael Gwen and Phyllis and your families  
I am thinking of you all at this time. I particularly remember all those  
years with basketball and travelling to many tournaments over the  
years. Murray and Helen were the most supportive parents for every  
single game. Your mom was so gracious and kind always. She was  
happy to see you and made time to visit always asking how I was  
doing. A lovely lady.

Sincerely

Bev De Paoli

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Bev De Paoli - February 21, 2023 at 12:12 AM

JW

“ Our deepest sympathies to the entire Spangler family on the loss of  
Helen. She was a true family matriarch. She will be missed by  
many. Jennifer Shawn, Ellie and Lane

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Jennifer Woods - February 20, 2023 at 09:35 PM

LM

“ Condolences to the Spangler families on the passing of  
Helen...thinking of you at this time. Lloyd & Nancy MacKillop

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Lloyd & Nancy MacKillop - February 20, 2023 at 05:40 PM

RS

“ Ron Sanderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Helen Jane Spangler



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Ron Sanderson - February 20, 2023 at 12:01 PM

TW

“ Sincere sympathy on the passing of a wonderful wife ,mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. Helen will be missed by all who knew her.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family at this difficult time.*

*Hugs from Terry and Wayne.*

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**Terry Wilderman** - February 20, 2023 at 10:13 AM

KM

“ Kevin Muir lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Jane Spangler



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**Kevin Muir** - February 20, 2023 at 09:24 AM

RC

“ Sincere condolences to the Spangler family. It been many years since babysitting “the busy five” for Helen and Murray! Helen always appeared to care for the family with such ease. She was a special person!



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**Robert and JoAnne Corbett** - February 20, 2023 at 12:11 AM

RL

“ Rick & Shirley Laycraft lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Jane Spangler



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**Rick & Shirley Laycraft** - February 19, 2023 at 07:06 PM

KW

“ I will miss Helen very much in the salon. She was always excited to get her hair done and have a chat.

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**Karen Whalley** - February 19, 2023 at 06:42 PM

PJ

“ Helen worked hard, was always very friendly and she had impeccable manners. She passed all of those attributes down to her family. She was lovely to visit with and was sincerely interested in what you had to say. Our sympathy goes out to all of you and your families.

*Don and Pam Jackson*

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**Pam Jackson** - February 19, 2023 at 05:10 PM

AD

“ My Sincere Sympathy to all the Spangler family. I loved that lady! We always had something to laugh about when we were together. Never saw her without a smile. You must have so many wonderful memories! Hugs to you all!

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**Arlayne Davies** - February 19, 2023 at 03:37 PM

JG

“ Deepest Sympathy Craig, Allan, Michael, Gwen , Phyllis and all the spouses, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Helen has been the most wonderful neighbor for many ,many years ! Helen herself was a great ball player as well as following her children to many sports events. One could never give Helen anything - without getting more in return. We'll Helen, you've put up a good fight the last few years - now “rest in peace”. We'll never forget our great neighbor indeed !  
George and Judy



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**Judy Groeneveld** - February 19, 2023 at 03:20 PM

CH

“ Sincere condolences to the Spangler family - May you cherish all the wonderful memories for they are forever with you 🤔  
  
Eric & Cheryl Heinz

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**Cheryl Heinz** - February 19, 2023 at 01:47 PM

C(

“ Sending sincerest condolences to the Spangler families. Helen will be forever remembered for her devotion to her family, farm life and community service.  
Rest in peace, lovely Lady.

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**Carla Elfring (Sewell)** - February 19, 2023 at 01:26 PM

TB

“ Dear Craig, Allan, Michael, Gwen and Phyl - please accept my most heartfelt condolences. I have such wonderful memories of your mom from our high school sports days. She was a constant at all of our games and tournaments - 5 of us could fit comfortably in the back of that red car! She was always so very generous as well. May you all keep your memories close for comfort in the days to come. Sending you all a warm hug and much love 💜 Tammy xoxo



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**Tammy Beach** - February 19, 2023 at 11:00 AM

SB

“ Sherry Butler lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Jane Spangler



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**Sherry Butler** - February 19, 2023 at 08:13 AM

DL

“ Camille and Darryl lit a candle in memory of Helen.

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**Darryl Laycraft.** - February 18, 2023 at 10:41 PM

GG

“ Condolences to the Spangler families. Helen was a great lady and will be missed. Hugs.

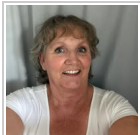
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**Geraldine German** - February 18, 2023 at 08:59 PM

SM

“ *She will be missed for she was such a dynamic personality. One of my memories is from a lot of years back when we played softball. She had one heck of a fast accurate throw and pitch, which really surprised a lot of our opponents. Those were some fun days!*

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**Sheila (Raycraft) Macklin** - February 18, 2023 at 05:40 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to all the Spangler family on the loss of Helen, she was a remarkable woman filled with wisdom, kindness, and a great sense of humour. I enjoyed all the many visits I've shared with her in the past ❤️ May your fond memories bring you strength to get you through this trying time. RIP Helen 🙏🕊️*



*Love ❤️ and Hugs to you all,  
Angie McCormick (Durand)*

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**Angie McCormick** - February 18, 2023 at 05:37 PM

LG

“ *Sincere condolences to the Spangler family. Helen was always a big part of the Blackie community.*

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**Laura Gardener** - February 18, 2023 at 05:18 PM

JN

“ *My sincere condolences to the Spangler family for the loss of one of the sweetest ladys I have ever met.*

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**Judy Nielsen** - February 18, 2023 at 04:57 PM

GW

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family at this difficult time. Helen left a big impression on me. A lovely lady.*



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**Gail Wark** - February 18, 2023 at 04:34 PM

SR

“ *Shannon Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Jane Spangler*



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**Shannon Rogers** - February 18, 2023 at 01:04 PM

TG

“ *Toni Groeneveld lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Jane Spangler*



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**Toni Groeneveld** - February 18, 2023 at 12:53 PM

MK

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Spangler family. Mrs. Spangler was a true matriarch.*



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**Mike and Cathy kendal** - February 18, 2023 at 12:43 PM

FW

“ *Fran And Rusty Wong lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Jane Spangler*



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**Fran and Rusty Wong** - February 18, 2023 at 10:32 AM

CB

“ *Cheryl Beingessner-Kerr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Jane Spangler*



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**Cheryl Beingessner-Kerr** - February 18, 2023 at 09:37 AM

DT

“ *To all the Spangler's and families. We will cherish all the happy memories, usually filled with laughter, of Murray, Helen, & family, all these years. Being a strong willed, compassionate, and caring person, was always her MO! Another pioneer of the community moves on to the big farm in the sky! God Bless, Love, Tammy and Dave. 💕 (There may be layoffs, at Coca-Cola!)*

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**Dave & Tammy** - February 18, 2023 at 09:28 AM

BM

“ *My deepest condolences to all of the Spangler family. Helen will always be remembered for her caring, loving, hard working personality & her welcoming presence, that made everyone feel special. Her endless dedication to family & community, was an amazing example of a life lived to the fullest. All the very best to everyone, Bert Montgomery ❤️🙏*

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**Bert Montgomery** - February 18, 2023 at 07:04 AM

LN

“ *Les And Ella Nash lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Jane Spangler*



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**Les and Ella Nash** - February 17, 2023 at 10:13 PM

RD

“ *Sending Condolences to the entire Spangler family. May your Mom and Grandma Rest in Peace. Sincerely Richard and Michele Durand*

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**Richard & Michele Durand** - February 17, 2023 at 10:10 PM

LB

“ *Lola and Dan Bews lit a candle in memory of Helen Spangler*



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**Lola and Dan Bews** - February 17, 2023 at 09:14 PM

GL

“ *Gail Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Jane Spangler*



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**Gail Lewis** - February 17, 2023 at 08:00 PM

CI

“ *Carrie And Randy Irwin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Jane Spangler*



**Carrie and Randy Irwin** - February 17, 2023 at 06:58 PM

PM

“ *Pat And Colleen Mastel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Jane Spangler*



**Pat and Colleen Mastel** - February 17, 2023 at 06:37 PM

KM

“ *Karen MacKenzie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Jane Spangler*



**Karen MacKenzie** - February 17, 2023 at 06:20 PM

DK

“ *Donna Kotyk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Jane Spangler*



**Donna Kotyk** - February 17, 2023 at 05:50 PM

VH

“ Dear Phyllis,  
I have many wonderful and happy memories of your Mom at the farm and other events. She loved to watch all of her kids in their various sports. She was an avid cheerleader and a proud parent. I loved visiting with Helen because she always stated her opinion and she was funny as well. My sincere condolences go out to the entire Spangler family.

Hugs  
Vicky Hovdebo

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**Vicky Hovdebo** - February 17, 2023 at 05:14 PM

SH

“ The Blackie community was a better place because of Helen. Such a lovely lady, God speed.



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**Sheri** - February 17, 2023 at 03:48 PM



“ Gordon & Sharon Wagner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Jane Spangler



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**Gordon & Sharon Wagner** - February 17, 2023 at 02:20 PM

WP

“ Wayne Pakenham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Jane Spangler



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**Wayne Pakenham** - February 17, 2023 at 12:36 PM

MS

“ Monty. Southgate lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Jane Spangler



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**Monty. Southgate** - February 17, 2023 at 12:00 PM