



## Helen Ida Rudy

June 3, 1926 - June 24, 2017

Helen Ida (Baier) Rudy, age 91, of Ferndale, passed away Sat. June 24, 2017 in Bellingham. She was the youngest of nine children and was born June 3, 1926 in Adams Co. North Dakota to Samuel and Charlotta Baier. In 1941, her family moved to Whatcom Co. and she graduated from Blaine High School in 1943.

She married Joseph Rudy in February 1948 in Ferndale and they were married for 54 years until his passing in April 2002. Helen was a homemaker, and was involved with many community organizations that included Zion Lutheran Church, Ferndale Senior Center, Whatcom Good Sam's, American Legion Aux. #154, Whatcom Co. Relay for Life, Campfire, and Grange. For 40 years, she served on the local county election board. Her interests included quilting, gardening, camping, spending time with family and friends, and of course watching the Mariners.

Helen is survived by her two sons, Larry (Margaret) of Lynden, and David (Kim) of Mount Vernon; daughters, Kathy (Dave) Carlson, and Peggy (Scott) Smith of Olympia; grandchildren, Tim, Melissa, Austin, and Trevin; great-grandchildren, Maren and Bryce; her brother Edwin (Jeanette) Baier of Lynwood, and sisters-in-law, Louise Koch and Reatha Rudy.

A visitation will be on Fri. June 30th at 11:30 AM in the chapel at Moles

Greenacres (5700 NW Dr. Ferndale) with a Graveside Service to follow at 12noon. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sat. July 1st at 12noon at Zion Lutheran Church (7125 Valley View Road, Ferndale) with Rev. Becky Langholz and Rev. Gary Blumanthal.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Zion Lutheran Church, Ferndale Senior Center or to the organization of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

KP

“ July 02, 2017 Condolences to the Rudy family. I met Helen and Joe while volunteering for Lutheran Brotherhood. After I moved away I was always delighted to see Helen volunteering at the Bellingham Relay for Life. She had such a warm smile, kind words and great empathy for people in need. She was s loving Christian lady.  
~ Kathy Peters, Tucson, Arizona

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**Kathy Peters** - June 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Sorry to hear of your Moms passing. It was a pleasure to reconnect these last couple of years. From Bluebirds to her 90th birthday, she was such a fun, talented and gracious lady, Blessings and hugs.

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**Darlene Dickinson** - June 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ June 29, 2017 I'm so sorry for your loss. When I think of growing up in the Ferndale/Custer area and being a part of Zion Lutheran church, I think of Helen. She was always there, and with a wonderful smile! In later years, when I returned to visit, Helen would welcome me with that same smile and a big hug! She was a very special lady.  
~ Sue (Hanson) Gullickson, Battle Ground,, Washington

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**Sue (Hanson) Gullickson** - June 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

VD

“ July 06, 2017 Thank you Patty for calling mom, she was very saddened to hear of Helen's passing. Friends from Blaine High School class of 1943, mom and all their group will miss her, but she will be remembered by her kindness.

Virginia Wampler and daughters  
Blaine Wa

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**Virginia Wampler and daughters** - June 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ July 01, 2017 I came to know Helen thru the Senior Center sewing group. She became a true friend and will be so missed. Everyone who knew her was blessed!

~ Bev Hill

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**Bev Hill** - June 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM