

Alla Mae Helm

Feb. 13, 1939 - Mar. 15, 2021

Alla Mae Helm, 82 of New Sharon passed away peacefully at her home in New Sharon, March 15.

As was her wish, her body will be cremated and a private family Celebration of Life will be held at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Stephens Animal Rescue League and may be sent to the funeral home at Holland-Coble Funeral Home, In Care of Alla Mae Helm, P.O. Box 85, New Sharon, Iowa 50207.

Holland-Coble Funeral Home of New Sharon is in charge of arrangements. Alla Mae Helm, the daughter of Everett and Tuni (Gosselink) Heyveld, was born February 13, 1939 in Pella. She was graduated from Pella High School.

Alla Mae was married to Dan Crosby in 1956. To this union eight children were born, Laurie, Valerie, Craig, Pat, Pam, Jeff, Danny and Brad. Alla Mae was a wonderful mother and enjoyed taking care of her children and family.

When her children were a little older, she went to work at the New Sharon Nursing and Rehabilitation Center where she was the head dietician. Dan and Alla Mae later divorced but remained great friends. She then moved to Florida with a close friend, David Helm and continued to work for local nursing homes.

They eventually married and moved back to New Sharon in 1993. She worked at the New Sharon Nursing and Rehabilitation Center again before eventually retiring to babysit her grandchildren. She taught a local knitting night class for a year in New Sharon and was very active with crafts and puzzles. She was an avid reader and was a member of a Stephen King Book Club.

Her legacy will be honored by her children: Valerie (Dan) Ridgner of Dike; Craig (Lynn) Crosby of Eddyville; Pat Crosby of New Sharon; Pam (Garland) Stidham of New Sharon; Jeff (Sara) Crosby of North Liberty; Danny (Ruby) Crosby of Florida and Brad (Mary) Crosby of New Sharon; 28 grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren; a sister, Judy Loverock of FL; her brother, Tony Heyveld of FL, and many nieces, nephews and friends