

Helen Louise Townsend



Helen Louise Townsend, 84, died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March

9, at the Newton Union Cemetery. Memorials to St. Francis Manor may be left at the funeral home.

Helen, the daughter of Everett and Alice Kloppenberg Samuels, was born on Sept. 13, 1937, in Newton. She graduated from Newton High School in 1955. Helen married Max Townsend in 1956 in Colfax, and lived most of her life between Jasper and Marshall counties. Helen was a skilled homemaker who loved spending time with family. She enjoyed baking, flower and vegetable gardening, and watching animals and birds.

Helen is survived by four children, Christina Fortner of Lynnville, Mark Townsend of Norwalk, Caryn Webb of Montezuma, and Martin Townsend of Montezuma; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Max; two children, Catherine and Michael Townsend; and a sister, Leota.

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