



Helen Marie Wampler

May 29, 1934 - January 12, 2025

Helen Marie Wampler, a loving wife, devoted mother, and cherished grandmother, passed away in the comfort of her home in San Luis Obispo on January 12, 2025, at the age of 90.

Helen was born on May 29, 1934, in Klamath County, Oregon, to Marjorie and Frederick Bertram. She grew up in Klamath Falls, where she was crowned queen of the 1950 Klamath Basin Roundup, a title that reflected her horseback riding prowess as well as her friendliness, charm, and poise. Helen graduated from Klamath Union High School in 1952.

In Klamath Falls, Helen met the love of her life, Albert “Bud” Wampler. The two married in 1952 when Helen was just 18, beginning a beautiful partnership that would last a remarkable 72 years. In 1954, they moved to Germany while Bud served in the U.S. military. Eventually, they settled in San Luis Obispo, where they raised their only son and created a lifetime of cherished memories together, living under the same roof for over 60 years.

Following a successful 30-year career at Bank of America, Helen retired in 1988. After retirement, she continued to pursue her lifelong passion for horseback riding, which brought her immense joy and fulfillment. She was a proud member of the Episcopal Church and found strength in her faith throughout her life.

Helen is survived by her beloved husband, Bud Wampler; her son, Lawrence Wampler; her granddaughter, Taylor Kitchen (Matthew); and her sister, Lynn Bertram. She was preceded in death by her parents, Marjorie and Frederick Bertram.

A memorial service in honor of Helen's life will be held on Saturday, February 15, at 11:00 AM at Reis Family Mortuary, located at 991 Nipomo Street, San Luis Obispo.

Helen will always be remembered for her warm heart, her gentle grace, and her enduring devotion to her family.

Previous Events

Chapel Service

FEB **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

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