



## Gladys Charlene (Foss) Helland

January 11, 1923 - April 26, 2017

Gladys Charlene Foss Helland, age 94, of Brodhead, passed away on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, in Amery, WI with family by her side. She had been staying with her daughter Joyce for the last 6 months. Gladys was born in Sylvester Township, Albany, WI, on January 11, 1923, the daughter of Clarence John and Leatha Marie (Miller) Foss. She married Gordon K. Helland on January 21, 1944 at the home of his parents in Juda, WI. He passed away on January 31, 2016. Gladys attended Monticello High School and graduated from Monroe High in 1940. She had worked at the Monroe Times before marrying Gordon. She was a member of the Brodhead Methodist Church, Lydia Circle and the United Methodist Church Women. She farmed with Gordy till 1972 when they moved in to Brodhead. She gardened for many years, loved her family and enjoyed the many trips they took with friends and family. She is survived by a son, Keith (Rae) Helland, Juda; daughters, Joyce Helland, Amery, WI, Cindy (Gale) Borgmann, Oshkosh, WI, Barbara (Ted) Mertens, Brodhead; and several nieces and nephews; seven grandchildren, Troy ((Hanna) Helland, Brodhead, Kristi Helland, Illinois, Steven (Deb) Morelock, Sheila Anderson, both of Amery, WI, Lon (Jenny) Borgmann, Oshkosh, WI, Kathi Borgmann, Ithaca, NY, Jason (Keri) Mertens, Brodhead; four great-granddaughters, Kalli and Connie Olson, Bailey Anderson, Allison Borgmann; four great-grandsons, Ryan Borgmann, Quentin, Eli and Oliver Mertens; three step great-grandchildren, Jonathan, Carol, Naomi; three great great-granddaughters, Taylor, Paisley, Kailyn; sisters-in-

law, Sue Helland, Monroe, Bergene Maxted, Beloit and a brother-in-law, Bruce Helland, Quarryville, PA. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sons, David in infancy in 1946 and Konnie in 1968, and a sister, Marjorie Dooley. A Celebration of Life for Gladys and Gordy will be held from 11 a.m. until 2 pm. on Saturday, May 13, 2017, at the Juda Community Center, Juda, WI. Memorials may be made to the Brodhead Park District for playground equipment for the handicapped.

# Tribute Wall

MK

“ Dear Barb and Family,

*Gladys and Gordy both were so good to us Kuebli Kids. They loved us and took care of us like we were there own. I will miss this lovely lady. She always greeted me with a smile and a huge hug. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Missy*

---

**Melissa Kuebli** - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

MT

“ A candle was lit by Melissa Kuebli and Alan Timm

*on May 1, 2017 8:39 PM*

---

**Melissa Kuebli and Alan Timm** - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

JC

“ A candle was lit by Jane Copus

*on May 1, 2017 8:52 PM*

---

**Jane Copus** - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

CJ

“ A candle was lit by Chris and Laurie Thommen Jr

*on May 1, 2017 9:32 PM*

---

**Chris and Laurie Thommen Jr** - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

SW

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Gladys. I was one of the neighborhood kids and have many fond memories of your Mom and Dad.

---

**Scott Wardwell** - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

DW

“ A candle was lit by Dean and Nancy Walters

on May 2, 2017 6:14 AM

---

**Dean and Nancy Walters** - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

NP

“ A candle was lit by Natalie Ponkauskas

on May 2, 2017 6:47 AM

---

**Natalie Ponkauskas** - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

RJ

“ We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Gladys. She was such a sweet lady with a beautiful smile for everyone. Blessings to you all.  
Randy and Kim Johnson

---

**Randy and Kim Johnson** - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

RJ

“ A candle was lit by Randy and Kim Johnson

on May 2, 2017 8:14 AM

---

**Randy and Kim Johnson** - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

DW

“ A candle was lit by Don and Brenda Wahl

on May 2, 2017 8:27 AM

---

**Don and Brenda Wahl** - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

RR

“ A candle was lit by Rob & Tammy (Wardwell) Riemer

on May 2, 2017 9:29 AM

---

**Rob & Tammy (Wardwell) Riemer** - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

TR

“ As a child growing up in the neighborhood with Gladys & Gordy, they were "grandparents" for those of us that didn't have ours close by. There wasn't a day that we didn't ride our bikes by and want to stop to visit because they were ALWAYS outside working in the yard and actually, I think they waited for us kids to stop by. Then I married...into the family! Every year, Gladys would reminder of the Riemer Reunion and make sure I would be there. I miss them but, I have wonderful memories of them both! Keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.

---

**Tammy Wardwell Riemer** - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

RR

“ A candle was lit by Randy and Ginger (Davis) Riese

on May 2, 2017 10:17 AM

---

**Randy and Ginger (Davis) Riese** - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

GM

“ A candle was lit by Gary and Mary Mason

on May 2, 2017 10:10 PM

---

**Gary and Mary Mason** - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

DL

“ A candle was lit by Darci and Jim Lewis

on May 3, 2017 9:03 AM

---

**Darci and Jim Lewis** - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

KA

“ A candle was lit by Kristine Kehm Armitage

on May 3, 2017 9:29 AM

---

**Kristine Kehm Armitage** - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

CZ

“ A candle was lit by Carl and Susan zweifel

on May 3, 2017 11:28 AM

---

**Carl and Susan zweifel** - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

CZ

“ We are so enjoyed Helen and Gordy as our back door neighbors!  
Many great memories, you are in our thoughts and our prayers,  
blessings.

---

**Carl and Susan Zweifel** - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

DF

“ Dear Barb and family,  
We really appreciated that Gordy and Gladys made us feel like a part of the family. From letting us "borrow" their home when we arrived in Wisconsin to all of the visits we had together, they were a very happy part of our lives. They will be missed, but never forgotten by us, Christa and Paul. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Dave & Carolyn

---

**Dave Mertens Family** - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

DF

“ A candle was lit by Doug and Kathy Foslin

on May 7, 2017 10:06 PM

---

**Doug and Kathy Foslin** - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

DF

“ A candle was lit by Doug and Kathy Foslin

on May 7, 2017 10:22 PM

Dear Barb and Family,  
It is a good feeling to have able to have known both Gladys and Gordy. Gladys will be missed just as much as Gordy has been. This picture of her shows what a sweet person she was. We both enjoyed talking with them both. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. God be with you always. Kathy and Doug

*Post a reply*

---

**Doug and Kathy Foslin** - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

MB

“ To the family of Gladys Helland,  
Please accept my sympathy for the death of your loved one. I too have lost so many loved ones in recent months, I'm just a neighbor at Lake Summerset and the bible's promises have helped me greatly. Revelation 21:3-4 assures us that God will abolish death and dry all tears shed because of it. Trust in God's promises and receive the comfort that you need. Sincerely, Mary Booker

---

**Mary Booker** - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

JF

“ Because of health reasons, I saw the obituary too late to attend the memorial. I'm so sorry you lost her by such a terrible disease like cancer. Treasure the many memories you have. She was a special lady, always so welcoming of anyone into her home. I'll not forget the times I entered and visited with her and Gordie. They were special people. My sympathies to each of you as you go thru this loss. May God's love and peace surround you and comfort you. My prayers go up for each of you. With prayers and sympathy, Juanita Flater

---

**Juanita Flater** - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM