



## Helen "Hap" Closs

February 18, 1922 - April 11, 2013

Helen "Hap" Closs, 91year old loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother passed away peacefully with her children by her side on Thursday, April 11, 2013 at Parkwood Estates in Fort Collins, Colo.

Helen Maxine Smith, the youngest of six children, was born Feb. 18, 1922 to Lenlie "Elton" Smith and Lizzie (McMichael) Smith in Blue Springs, Neb. She married Charles Weaver on December 5, 1954 and had two children. He unexpectedly passed away on October 17, 1960. She reunited with her high school friend, Maurice Closs and they were united in marriage on Aug. 22, 1963 at the First Methodist Church in Boulder, Colo. where she raised her family and was employed by Boulder Optical.

Helen is survived by her daughter and son, Kim (Kent) Walkenhorst of Ft. Collins and John (Janet) Closs of Lone Tree, Colo; grandchildren Ashley (Kalen) Mauldin of New Castle, Colo., Whitney Walkenhorst of Fort Collins, Lauren and Matthew Closs of Lone Tree; great-granddaughter Ava Mauldin of New Castle; nieces Norma DeRoin, Patricia Lewis, Susan Rood and Joan Hannan. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Maurice Closs; brothers Hubert, Wyman and Lyle Smith; and sisters Iva Stewart and Estel Daniels.

Helen will be greatly missed by all that knew her. A service in celebration of

her life will be held at 11:00 Saturday, April 20, 2013 in the Columbine room of the Lincoln Center, 417 W. Magnolia St., Fort Collins. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wymore, Neb. Volunteer Fire and Rescue Dept.; c/o Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Dr., Suite E., Fort Collins, CO 80524.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **20**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Lincoln Center  
417 West Magnolia Street  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen "Hap" Closs*

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October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *How very lucky I am to have had such an incredible mother. You always taught me that above all, family and friends should always be the the priority in one's life. I have always taken that to heart and my life is rich with special people. I will miss you terribly but know that you are in a better place. Your legacy will live on. Good-bye until we meet again.*

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**Kim Walkenhorst** - April 17, 2013 at 11:27 AM



“ *My dear Aunt Hap*

*You were a light in my life. And now that light has gone I am left very sad. You taught me so much in the short time we had together. The importance of family, no matter how many miles between you. And how important it is to keep that bond and not to let life get in the way. I could always count on you to tell a funny story that would have everyone laughing till we had tears in our eyes. My Aunt Hap, my light who always showed me so much love. You meant more to me than I ever had a chance to tell you. I know you are in a better place with all your loved ones you have missed for so long. I just need to be strong and carry on without my light because I know that is what you would want for me. That is going to be hard, but I promise you I will do my best. I will always love you and will see that beautiful smile every time I think of you. I will miss you with all my heart. Rest in peace. You made the world a better place just by being in it and bringing so much joy to so many lives.*

*Love Always,*

*Joanie*

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**Joan Hannan** - April 16, 2013 at 10:53 PM

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**Joan Hannan** - April 16, 2013 at 10:13 PM

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“ I first met Helen at good ole Boulder Optical. She kept us all in line with her go get um attitude and reassuring smile. We had so much fun at work! Helen and Morrie took Jim and me under their wing while I worked and Jim attended CU. When I went to CU full time and was commuting from Loveland, Helen watched Meghan for me. Meghan was quite a mama's girl and would cry the whole hour I was gone. Helen was a saint in my book for putting up with that. (Meghan wasn't picky, she did it to everyone who watched her.) Helen always asked about Meghan and Matthew. As Jay came along much later, she didn't get to know him personally but was always interested in our family adventures.

We were often included in family meals and hung out at their Boulder home. I even helped her wallpaper a bathroom with an oriental design that she loved. Since roses and I never seemed to get along I opted for periwinkle from her garden. It is still one of my favorite ground covers.

I used to tease Helen that we were probably related since both our maiden names were Smith. It's nice to think that we are all related in some way.

Kim and John (and your families) are so lucky to have so many loving memories of your mother. I know they are enough to last everyone a lifetime. Thank you for keeping us in your lives.

God Bless you all,

Mary Jane Armstrong

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Mary Jane Armstrong - April 15, 2013 at 12:55 PM

 Chris  
Merciez

“ I worked with Helen at Boulder Optical, she made me laugh every day and I still use many recipes she gave me. I will always remember her beautiful flower garden and still have a J P pink rose bush she gave me that blooms profusely every year. Her wonderful needlework inspired me as well as her zest for life, so very happy she touched my life, rest in peace my friend, Chris aka (Louie)

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Chris Merciez - April 15, 2013 at 06:48 AM