



## Helen C. Lay

October 26, 1928 - May 17, 2018

TORRINGTON, WYOMING.....Mass of Christian Burial for HELEN C. LAY, 89, will be held at 11am Friday, May 25, 2018 at St Rose Catholic Church with Father Ray Moss officiating. Burial will follow in the Valley View Cemetery. Helen died May 17, 2018 at her home in Torrington. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the Senior Friendship Center or St Rose Catholic Church. Visitation will be at the funeral from 3pm to 5pm Thursday. A Rosary will be recited Thursday at 6pm at the church. Arrangements are by the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com).

Helen was born October 26, 1928 in Rapid City, South Dakota the daughter of Harry and Margaret (Dunn) Hirz. Her family moved to a ranch thirty miles north of Torrington, Wyoming when she was three. She received her early education at Backhaus School and later graduated Harrison High School in 1946. She taught at the Burge School for a while before marrying Randall "Mike" Lay on May 17, 1947 in Torrington. They worked on a ranch for Hans Northness and at his death inherited the ranch. Their family continued to run the ranch until present day. She sewed clothes for her family, neighbors and friends for many years up until just prior to her death.

Helen truly enjoyed to sew and crochet. She was a member of the Sunbonnet Gals, the Altar Society at St Rose, and the VFW and American Legion Auxiliaries. She also helped with bingo at the Legion.

Helen is survived by her son Gene (Linda) Lay of Torrington, Wyoming; daughters Lana (Gary) Svoboda of Lincoln, Nebraska, Lori (Ted) Niemeyer of Wonder Lake, Illinois and Beth Ann (Tim) Dieriex of Hillsdale, Wyoming; siblings Estella Lay of Oregon, Doris Martin of Willows, California, Ada Vaughn of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Ned Hirz of Moses Lake, Washington, Elsa Scalvini of Willows, Nancy Dawes of Susanville, California and Charlie Ralph Hirz of Moses Lake; eleven grandchildren; seventeen great grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Mike; children Kevin Lay and Kimberly Sue Lay; sisters Wanna Howery and Carrie Hermann; and brother Jim Hirz.

# Cemetery Details

## Valley View Cemetery

30th Avenue  
Torrington, WY 82240

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 24.** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Colyer Funeral Home  
PO Box 20 / 2935 Main  
Torrington, WY 82240  
(307) 532-2320  
colyerfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Rosary

**MAY 24.** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

St Rose Catholic Church  
605 E 22nd Ave  
Torrington, WY 82240-2527  
(307) 532-5556

## Service

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MAY **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

St Rose Catholic Church  
605 E 22nd Ave  
Torrington, WY 82240-2527  
(307) 532-5556

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Tammy Shaffer lit a candle in memory of Helen C. Lay*



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**Tammy Shaffer** - June 17, 2018 at 12:34 AM

KM

“ *Kay Melcher lit a candle in memory of Helen C. Lay*



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**Kay Melcher** - June 08, 2018 at 04:18 PM

PB

“ *Pam Brown lit a candle in memory of Helen C. Lay*



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**Pam Brown** - May 26, 2018 at 10:08 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Helen C. Lay.*



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May 23, 2018 at 09:06 PM

BR

“ *Bill And Paula Rueb lit a candle in memory of Helen C. Lay*



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**Bill and Paula Rueb** - May 22, 2018 at 01:13 PM

SH

“ *Sandra Howery lit a candle in memory of Helen C. Lay*



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**Sandra Howery** - May 21, 2018 at 04:38 PM

SH

*I am going to miss Aunt Helen a lot. She was the warmest and most caring person ever. She was such a strong woman, great mom, great sister and great aunt. R.I.P. my dear aunt*

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**Sandra Howery** - May 21, 2018 at 04:40 PM

JB

“ *Jeri Bottenfield lit a candle in memory of Helen C. Lay*



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**Jeri Bottenfield** - May 21, 2018 at 07:49 AM

LG

“ Oh my Dear Lay Family ...Helen was a friend to everyone she knew. You are blessed beyond measure with her sincerity, kindness, honesty, joyfulness, true grit and hard work. I Love all of you.

Lanny Gentry - May 20, 2018 at 10:07 AM

PB

“ Patricia Brown lit a candle in memory of Helen C. Lay



Patricia Brown - May 19, 2018 at 09:11 PM

LL

“ Aunt Helen was a caring and giving person and will be greatly missed.

Larry Lay - May 19, 2018 at 06:38 PM

TF

“ Trumbull Family lit a candle in memory of Helen C. Lay



Trumbull Family - May 19, 2018 at 06:03 PM