



## Helen L Koetting

July 19, 1935 - January 8, 2016

Helen Lucille Koetting, 80, Holden Missouri, passed away January 8, 2016 at Lee's Summit Medical Center, Lee's Summit Missouri. Helen was born July 19, 1935 to Joseph William Wright and Lily Pearl (Hedrick) Wright in Independence Missouri. Helen married Jim Koetting October 31, 1978 and moved to Holden thirty-six years ago. Helen worked for Calmar in Lee's Summit Missouri and retired as a quality control supervisor.

Surviving her passing is her husband of thirty-seven years, Jim Koetting of the home; one son, Martin Bosch, Strasburg, Missouri; two daughters, Karen Nichols and husband Dennis, Basehor, Kansas; Kasey Koetting and Jason Gower, Holden, Missouri; five grandchildren, which include Cody Bruns and Jaci Gower; and three great-grandchildren. Helen was preceded in death by her first husband Norman H. Bosch, stepson James D. Koetting, three brothers Clyde Wright, Joseph Wright, and John Wright; and four sisters, Mollie Urton, Edna Wright, Mary L. Wright, and Eloise Wright.

Visitation will be held Saturday January 16, 2016 at 1:00pm at Ben Cast & Son-Wood Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be held Saturday January 16, 2016 at 2:00pm at Ben Cast & son-Wood Funeral Home with Pastor Gary Hackett officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made in honor of Helen Koetting to the Holden Senior Center

Online Condolences can be left at [www.castfuneralhome.com](http://www.castfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery

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## Memorial Gardens

Warrensburg, MO, 64093

# Events

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**JAN** **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Campbell - Cast Funeral Home

407 South Pine Street, Holden, MO, US, 64040

**JAN** **Service** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Jim, My wife and I are so sorry to hear of the passing of your wife. Know this is a hard time for you and your family. Our prayers are with all of you.  
Marvin Meller-classmate from Russellville High School

**Marvin Meller** - January 20, 2016 at 11:36 AM



“ Elwyn and I send our sympathy to you and your family. We will be thinking of you during this difficult time.

**Darlene Shikles** - January 21, 2016 at 08:49 AM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Helen L Koetting.



January 15, 2016 at 06:29 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Helen L Koetting.



January 12, 2016 at 05:51 PM

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“ Karen and Martin I'm so sorry for your loss your mother was a great woman. I will miss her tremendously my prayers are with you and your family god bless you

**Rose Vinyard** - January 09, 2016 at 04:20 PM



“ Rose, thanks for your prayers. Mama loved you and spoke fondly of you

**Karen Nichols** - January 10, 2016 at 08:42 AM



“ Karen & Martin our thoughts & prayers are with you in this time of sadness many sweet memories of your family as you grew up & knowing your mother as the special person that she was. The Silvey family

**Terri Silvey DeVasher (Imogene, Tim** - January 15, 2016 at 07:04 PM

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“ The omission of my mom's very happy marriage to my father was an oversight brought on by our grief.

**Martin Bosch** - January 09, 2016 at 08:31 AM

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“ my heart aches knowing that Helens loved ones are hurting. I pray that you can find peace during this difficult time, although I know it's tuff. Helen was a good woman. I remember when my dad would ask Kasey what's the thing you like most about Helen, she would tell him that Helen is a great cook.of course we were kids and that was important,you know. I ate many meals at their home, and Kasey was right, she was a great cook. She will be missed.

**Robin Sechrest Stevenson** - January 09, 2016 at 07:49 AM



“ Thank you Robin.

**Martin** - January 09, 2016 at 08:27 AM



“ Robin thanks for the kind words. It's nice to hear stories about mama

**Karen Nichols** - January 10, 2016 at 08:56 AM



“ Jim, My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this time. I didn't know Helen, but I know she was loved by you and your family and the grief seems overwhelming. Remember with family, friends, prayers and time it gets easier. Remember all the good times and share the memories. Linda Scrivner - A Classmate

**Linda D** - January 20, 2016 at 09:30 AM



“ Jim and family, Sorry to hear of your loss and send our sincere sympathy to all. I know you were a good husband, father and grandfather and we always enjoy seeing Cody at class get-togethers. May God bless each and every one of you in this difficult time.

Ray and Fern Kirchner

Russellville, MO

**Fern Kirchner** - January 21, 2016 at 02:10 PM



“ Jim and family, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your wife. My sincere sympathy to you and your family. Fern has told me about your Grandson. Our children and grandchildren bring us a lot of love and comfort. My prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Janice Phillips

New Bloomfield, Mo

**Janice Phillips** - January 24, 2016 at 11:51 AM



“ Kasey, thinking of you and your family.

**Crissy Kauffman** - January 09, 2016 at 07:36 AM



“ Kasey -Your family is in my prayers.



**Jennifer. Evert** - January 09, 2016 at 07:22 AM



“ Aunt Helen was one of the sweetest and most loving aunt any one could ask for sorry Martin and Karen i know the feeling you all are in my prayers

**ann cox,clifton weiss** - January 14, 2016 at 07:04 AM

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“ Karen and Martin ,  
I know there are no words that can completely remove the sadness your feeling right now... so what I will say is I hope you find peace and comfort in all the cherished memories you have of her . She was a very loving Aunt that will be missed dearly .



**Deborah Griffin** - January 08, 2016 at 05:59 PM



“ Thank you very very much Debbie.

**Martin** - January 08, 2016 at 06:59 PM



“ I'm just so broken hearted for you right now ,I'm sorry I didn't spend more time with her the last few yrs but I will always cherish the times I had with her ,I still have lots of childhood memories from the lake ,she was a wonderful woman she will missed but not forgotten, love ya Gina

**Gina** - January 08, 2016 at 08:17 PM



“ Kasey, Donnie and I are keeping you and Jason, Cody and Jaci in our thoughts and prayers. We remember square dancing with your Mom and Jim many years ago in Holden. God bless you.

**Sally Davidson** - January 09, 2016 at 08:05 AM



“ Helen fought a very brave and long battle following a massive stroke that she suffered in 1991. Now she is at peace and to all of her family and friends, my most sincere and heartfelt condolences. I grieve with all of you. She will be missed and she will always be fondly remembered with love by me, her son-in-law.

Dennis Nichols  
(Karen's husband)

**Dennis Nichols** - January 09, 2016 at 10:44 AM



“ Helen was not only a dynamic, intelligent and hard working woman, but by far one of the very sweetest, loving and caring women I have ever known. She took me under her wing as an 18 year old and loved me and taught me through some really crazy years. She was my matron of honor in Oct. 1973 and my dearest friend. Your Daddy, Norman, took pictures for my wedding and was a wonderful, sweet man...always making me laugh and feeling more important than I deserved. I have many fond memories of times at your house at the lake in the early 70's, long talks over the table and just hanging out with Helen. She loved her family so much. When I saw her 5-6 years ago, she was not about to let that wheelchair get in her way...still strong and determined as ever. May the life and legacy she lived be a strength as you mourn her passing, and may knowing how loved she was by so many bring you great peace in these days of grieving. My prayers are with you, Karen, Martin, Jim and family. God Bless each of you, Mindi Russell Rowe

**Mindi Rowe** - January 09, 2016 at 12:05 PM



“ Thanks to everyone for your kind thoughts and prayers. My mother was a very special woman. She had many good friends and family who loved her. My heart is warmed as I read and hear stories about her from people she knew and loved. I have many wonderful memories of her and my dad while I was growing up. She would make Martin and me wonderful birthday cakes, Halloween costumes, and take us to Girl scouts, cub scouts, dance lessons (well, I went to dance lessons, Not Martin haha), Both of my parents came from large families and cherished everyone. I have memories of huge family reunions, picnics, swimming at the lake, and camping in the mountains of Colorado. We had many trips to Swope Park and the zoo, Fort Osage, visiting with grandparents, and drives in the country. I remember my mother singing in the car when we were out running errands. I believe she had a good and fulfilling life thanks to everyone she surrounded herself with. After my father's passing, she was able to find love again. She and Jim married, and she started a new chapter in her life with 2 new children, Jimmy and Kasey whom she raised as her own. They rode horses and there were hay rides and pig roasts at their farm. Kasey gave Helen 2 beautiful grandkids. Grandma Helen loved and cherished Cody and then Jaci. She was so proud of them. She made sure I saw their pictures and always let me know how they were doing. She also had 3 step grandkids through my marriage to Dennis. Lisa, Michael and Robert . When they were younger, they visited her at the farm a few times and rode horses, and had Thanksgiving dinner there once I believe. She saw them several times at our house for holidays too. In later years they hadn't been able to see her, but she still cared about and loved them. She would especially ask about Lisa and they kept in touch on occasion with Christmas cards and such. Again, thanks for your prayers for my dear sweet mother.

Karen (Bosch) Nichols

Note from Dennis: Karen took excellent care of her mother while Helen was at John Knox Village. Being an RN, Karen always made sure that her mother's medical needs were being met and ensured that her Mom was as comfortable as possible. Karen decorated Helen's room during the holiday seasons to help lift her mother's spirits, something that made her mother very happy. Karen also did manicures for her mom, everyone knows how important a woman's nails are to them.

**Karen Nichols** - January 09, 2016 at 12:54 PM



“ Dennis is so tight about my sister. She was a fierce watchdog for her , and always made sure mamas room was nice and homey , and girly!

**Martin** - January 09, 2016 at 04:28 PM



“ So right darnit. Stupid spell check.

**Martin** - January 09, 2016 at 04:29 PM



“ She was a devoted Kansas City Chiefs fan and she would often call to find out what time they were playing. I am sure she is smiling about today's playoff game, Chiefs 30, Houston 0.

**Dennis** - January 09, 2016 at 07:00 PM



“ Yep ! Hahahahaaaaa!!!

**Martin** - January 09, 2016 at 07:50 PM



“ Martin and Karen I am at a loss for words at this time. so many wonderful compliments have been written and I agree with all of them . I send love to you.....

**Glenda Bryant** - January 09, 2016 at 11:21 PM



“ My heart goes out to Jim also. Love to you Jim.

**Glenda Bryant** - January 09, 2016 at 11:24 PM



“ Thanks to you Mindi, I loved your tribute to my mom. And thanks to my cousins Glenda, Debbie, and Gina, mama loved her family.

**Karen Nichols** - January 10, 2016 at 08:29 AM



“ There is not enough room on this tribute wall to share all the happy memories I have of Helen and her family. She was one of my very best friends. We were scout leaders together, we took our kids swimming, ice skating to the zoo and much much more. It has been more than 43 years since we were next door neighbors, but the memories are just as vivid as if it were yesterday. We stayed in contact through Christmas cards and an occasional phone call. This year I did not receive a card at Christmas time, I wondered why and almost called to see how she was doing. How I wish I had!! thank you Martin for contacting me !!!

**Shirley** - January 15, 2016 at 07:18 AM



“ Thanks so much for your words. Mama had a good friend in you. There were so many good memories from being neighbors and friends at the lake. we did have a lot of fun. it was a great life and childhood, I do so cherish it. your family was wonderful, and we miss you all.

**Karen Nichols** - January 15, 2016 at 06:53 PM



“ Thank you so much Shirley. We love and miss you.

**Martin** - January 15, 2016 at 07:12 PM