



## Helen Betz

May 4, 2009

Helen Chandler Betz was born in Nebraska on September 7, 1916 to Flossie and Newton Chandler. Helen died on May 4 in Colorado Springs. She had resided in Colorado Springs for two years to be near her daughter, Lavonne. Helen moved to Colorado as a young child to the Sterling area with her parents and numerous brothers and sisters. She attended school in Procter, CO. Helen married Ezra "Red" Betz in Johnstown on May 15, 1935. They resided and farmed many years in the Johnstown area. Ezra eventually purchased the Fort Collins Sales Yard. Helen was a homemaker throughout her adult life. She was exceptionally supportive of her husband through his many business ventures, particularly during their time at the Fort Collins Sales Yard. Many may recall the meals she prepared for the Cafe every Tuesday, sale day.

Helen was active in the Evangelical Free Church and later the First Baptist Church in Fort Collins. Helen is survived by her daughter, Lavonne in Colorado Springs and her son Clarence of Burlington, WY. Additional survivors are grandchildren, Justin Christine, Kasey Steve Sheridan, Kurt Murray-Cameron Elise, and Estil Pratt. Nine great-grandchildren survive Helen. She was preceded in death by Ezra, a grandson, Shannon Betz and a son-in-law, Cameron Pratt. Helen was the last living member of the Newton Chandler family of 9 brother and sisters. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memory Gardens Cemetery. Please visit

[bohlenderfuneralchapel.com](http://bohlenderfuneralchapel.com) to send online condolences.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear LaVonne and Clarence, I just read on line about your Mother and wanted to send my sympathy to both of you and your families. I have good memories of our families spending time together when we were growing up. Lots has happened to all of us since then.  
Betty Thomsen Johnson Nelson

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**Betty Thomsen Johnson Nelson** - May 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Helen was such a sweet lady & we will miss her sunny disposition and her great hats! She would come to the General Store to visit when she lived in Windsor & was still able to drive. We still have a small ice cream shop here and value all of our "family", like Helen, that we have come to know. Thanks to the family for sharing her with us and our best to all of you.

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**Vern Rasmussen & Linda Cumpsten** - May 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lavonne, My family knew your parents from the sale barn and 1st E. Free in Greeley. I took care of Helen for a while through ElderCare when she lived in Windsor. She was the spunkiest and most delightful lady. I remember walking into her house and she was waiting with her hat on. She would say "let's go shopping, honey" and off we would go in her Town Car. Sorry to see that Cameron passed. You were a loving, and caring daughter. Judy

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**Judy Mellin Ullmann** - May 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was saddened to hear about your precious mom's passing away. Ezra and Helen were such dear friends of Mom and Dad. Ezra challenged my dad in ways that were so good for him. Helen was a steadfast friend over the years. I have one of her beautiful dolls, as does my mom. It's been in my office since she gave it to me. I have fond memories of both of you from when I was a child! Sandy Magnuson

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**Sandy Magnuson** - May 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM