

Obituaries



Helen Henriksen

Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 29, 2010 at First Presbyterian Church in Armstrong, Iowa with Pastor Suzanne Wobig officiating. Visitation will be on Wednesday, April 28 from 5:00 to 8:00 at Henry-Olson Funeral Chapel in Armstrong. Interment will be at Armstrong Grove Cemetery in Armstrong, Iowa.

Helen Pauline (Beck) Henriksen, the daughter of George and Lila (Mitchell) Beck, was born March 2, 1917, in Armstrong, Iowa. She passed away Sunday, April 25, 2010, at Valley View Care Center in Armstrong at the age of 93.

She received her education in the Armstrong schools, graduating from Armstrong High School. After graduation she attended Cedar Falls Teacher's College in Cedar Falls, graduating with her teaching certificate. Helen taught rural country school for a few years.

Helen was united in marriage on June 9, 1938, to Clifford Henriksen at First Presbyterian Church in Armstrong. The couple raised their family and made their home on a farm north of Armstrong. Helen assisted Clifford on the farm. Clifford died in 1968. Helen was also employed at Art's Way Manufacturing from 1969-1982. Helen then served as Assistant Librarian at the Armstrong Library.

She was well known as a very caring person.

She was an active member of First Presbyterian Church in Armstrong, where she had the distinction of being the longest continuous member of the church. Helen loved music and was director of the church choir for 51 years. She also served as an elder and Sunday school teacher in the church.

Left to cherish Helen's memory are two sons, Ron Henriksen and his wife, Penny of Avon, Indiana, Bob Henriksen and his wife, Ilona of Armstrong; three grandchildren, Dr. John Henriksen, Timothy Henriksen and his wife, Cheryl, Dr. Joan Hellyer and her husband, Dr. Nathan Hellyer; sister, Phyllis Lyle of Estherville; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Helen in death were her husband; one daughter, Carol Kovar who died in 1975; a granddaughter, Anne; brother, James and her parents.