



Helen L. Koch

June 11, 1923 - December 9, 2015

Funeral services for Helen will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church in Shickley, Nebraska. Pastor James Moll will officiate the services.

Following the funeral, there will be a graveside service in the Shickley Public Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with family present from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva.

Memorials are directed to the Mission Central, 40718 HWY E 16, Mapleton, Iowa 51034.

Helen Louise, nee Jacobsen, Koch of Shickley, Nebraska departed this life to be with her Savior, Jesus Christ, on December 9, 2015 at Heritage Crossings in Geneva, Nebraska at the age of 92 years, 5 months, and 29 days. She was born on June 11, 1923 at Lillian, Nebraska, the 2nd child of John & Gladys (Johnson) Jacobsen. Helen attended school at Gates and in the Arnold, Nebraska area. She graduated in 1941 from Arnold Public Schools. She was baptized at the Lillian Christian Church. Helen attended Capitol Beauty School in Omaha in 1943.

Helen married Kenneth Koch of Shickley on August 19, 1944 at the New Castle Army Air Force Base in Wilmington, Delaware. They enjoyed 65 years of marriage. After Kenneth was discharged, they moved back and lived on the family farm north of Shickley. She was a beautician, working farm wife, and loving mother. She enjoyed sewing, tatting, cross stitching, and quilting. Helen was a member of Zion Lutheran Church Ladies Aid, Shickley Legion Auxiliary Post 164, and the Fillmore County Hospital Auxiliary in Geneva.

Helen was preceded in death by an infant daughter Kathy Karma; husband Kenneth; parents John and Gladys Jacobsen; and brother Harold Jacobsen.

She is survived by 3 children: Keith and Cristy Koch of Shickley, Nebraska, Kurt and Susan Koch of Grand Island, Nebraska and Kay and Robert Marshall of Lincoln, Nebraska; 10 grandchildren: Kari and David Bahe of Wood River, Nebraska, Kelli and John Reilly of Lincoln, Nebraska, Kimberly and Lucas Dart of Kearney, Nebraska, K. Kory and Jamie Koch of Edgar, Nebraska; Karl Koch of Grand Island, Nebraska, Kent and Kacey Koch of Grand Island, Nebraska, Anna and Matt Serbousek of Grand Island, Nebraska, Leah and Derek Richards of Omaha, Nebraska, Jill and Tony Woodruff of Lincoln, Nebraska, Pamela and Arnaud Adam of St. Louis, Missouri; 19 great grandchildren: Kelsey and Nathan Bahe of Wood River, Nebraska, Cole, Coen and Emma Reilly of Lincoln, Nebraska, Nolan, Lydia, and Morgan Dart of Kearney, Nebraska, Lauryn and Kyler Koch of Edgar, Nebraska, Scarlett, Eleanor and Vivian Koch of Grand Island, Nebraska, Benjamin and Evan Serbousek of Grand Island, Nebraska, Luke, Kayla and Paige Woodruff of Lincoln, Nebraska, Lote Kornete of Césu, Latvia; sister Pauline Landreth of Broken Bow, Nebraska; brothers Harry and Doris Jacobsen of Chadron, Nebraska, Paul Jacobsen of Merna, Nebraska, Loren and Cleo Jacobsen of Broken Bow, Nebraska; and host of relatives and friends.

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“*Heaven received a beautiful gift when Helen left this earth. She was a strong, hard working woman that loved her family and her Lord. I'm blessed to be her 10th grandchild and will always remember her as a true light in my life.*

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