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Helen A. Aldinger

Born: 3/30/1920 Died: 9/21/2002

Services will be held at: 11:00 A.M., Thursday, September 26, 2002 at the First United Methodist Church in Marshalltown. INTERMENT will be at 3:00 P.M., Thursday at St. Peter's UCC Cemetery in Geneva, Iowa.

Visitation times are: 5:00 to 9:00 P.M., Wednesday at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will greet friends from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. and an Order of Eastern Star Service at 5:30 P.M.

Helen A. Aldinger, age 82, of 1801 West Main Street, Marshalltown, Iowa, formerly of Ackley, Iowa, died Saturday, September 21, 2002 at the Marshalltown Medical & Surgical Center, Marshalltown, Iowa. FUNERAL SERVICES will be held Thursday, September 26, 2002, 11:00 A.M. at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Jerald

Swanberg, First United Methodist Church, officiating. A VISITATION will be from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M., Wednesday at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, where the family will be present from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. and an Order of Eastern Star service at 5:30 P.M.. INTERMENT will be at 3:00 P.M., Thursday at St. Peter's United Church of Christ Cemetery, Geneva, Iowa. MEMORIALS may be directed to the Helen A. Aldinger Memorial Fund.

Helen Arlene was born March 30, 1920, in Alden, Iowa, the daughter of Fred Newton & Ellen May (Nelsen) Lawton. She was raised & educated in the Alden area, graduating from the Alden High School in 1937. Helen had been employed by the Popejoy schools as a school bus driver and also worked many years at the "Junction" truck stop on Highway 65/Highway 20. She was married to Ernest William Aldinger, August 26, 1960 at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. They farmed on "Windy Hill Farm" near Ackley, Iowa until 1993 when they retired, moving to Marshalltown. She was active in church activites including membership in the Women's Fellowship at St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Geneva and a member of Circle Ruth and Tri-M's at First United Methodist Church in Marshalltown. She was also a member of the Royal Neighbors of America, Farm Bureau, MMSC Auxiliary and the Iowa Falls Moose club. Helen was a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star & White Shrine where she had served as Worthy Matron. She had a passion for flowers, music and all "living" things and was well known for beautiul, ornate yard displays. Perhaps her greatest joy in life were her children, grandchildren, great granddaughter and her many friends that she shared "coffee time" with over the years. Helen is survived by her son: Jerry & wife Anita Ellingson, Marshalltown, Iowa, two daughters: Jo Ellen (Ellingson) & husband John Nankivell, Newton, Iowa and Shonda & husband Robert C. Deranleau, Creston, Iowa, five grandchildren, one step grandchild, one great grandchild, a sister: Irene Klein, Iowa Falls, Iowa and a brother: Harold "Bud" & wife Shirley Lawton, Fairfield Bay, Arkansas. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband: Ernest (July 26, 1998) and husband Alvin Ellingson (1951).