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Helen Rayburn



Born: May 22, 1912

Died: September 16, 2003

Services will be held at: Funeral services will be held 10:30 AM on Friday, September 19, 2003 at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory with burial to follow in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens.

Visitation times are: Friends may call for visitation on Thursday from 5 to 9 P.M. at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will be present to greet friends from 5 to 7 P.M.

Helen M. Rayburn, 91, of Grandview Acres, Toledo, formerly of 406 North 3rd Street, Marshalltown, died Tuesday, September 16, 2003 at Marshalltown Medical & Surgical Center, Marshalltown. FUNERAL SERVICES will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, September 19, 2003, at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, with Rev. Conrad Lundberg, officiating. INTERMENT will follow services in the Rose Hill Memorial Gardens. A VISITATION will be from 5 to 9 P.M. Thursday at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, where the family will be present from 5 to 7 P.M. . Memorials may be directed to the Iowa River Hospice.

Helen May Rayburn was born on May 22, 1912 in Clark County, Missouri, the daughter of George Louis and Rosa Glaser Minehardt. She was raised on the family farm in Clark County, Missouri, graduating from the Wayacona High School in 1929. In 1933, she graduated from the Graham Protestant Hospital in Keokuk, Iowa, as a registered nurse. On June 27, 1936, Helen was united in marriage to Charles N. Rayburn. They lived in Kahoka, Missouri, Keokuk, Boone, Nevada, and moved to Marshalltown in 1947. She was employed as a registered nurse for forty-nine years, retiring in 1982 from Marshalltown Medical & Surgical Center. Helen was very active in many organizations in the area over the years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, American Nursing Association, and U.N.C. She enjoyed knitting, gardening, music, playing the organ, and traveling. Of all of her travels, she was able to visit every state in the United States except Alaska. Helen is survived by her four children: Thomas (Judie) Rayburn of Santa Paula, CA; Sandi D'Agostino of Carrollton, TX; Jean (Joe) Schuler of Marshalltown; and Virginia (Tim) O'Neal of Glen Ellyn, IL; nine grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Charles in 1991, three sisters-Virginia, Georgia and Margaret, brother Louis and grandson Thomas.