

OLSEN, Helen Sophie (Andersen)

November 15, 1911
Obert, Nebraska
June 14, 1998
Irene

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Helen Sophie Andersen

Helen Sophie Andersen was born November 15, 1911, at Obert, Nebraska. Her parents were Lauritz M. and Bessie Hansen Andersen. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family. She attained the age of 86 years, 7 months.

Helen completed 8th grade at their rural grade school #17 of Cedar County, Nebraska. She married Rueben Olsen at her parents' home on November 25, 1932. The couple farmed in the Irene area until 1967 when they moved from their family farm home into Irene. Rueben and Helen celebrated 62 years of married life together.

Helen enjoyed work as a cook and head cook at the Irene School for many years. Her greatest joy was in preparing and serving meals for the students, including her granddaughters while they were students at Irene School. Friends, neighbors, and her family all enjoyed many delicious meals prepared with loving hands at their home. She was a caring, loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend.

Helen was baptized at Obert Baptist Church. After their marriage, she became a dedicated member of Turkey Valley Baptist Church of rural Irene. She was an active participant in various church and Sunday School offices, Women's Mission Society, and the Sunset Manor Auxiliary. After Rueben's death, Helen's health deteriorated and she chose

to sell her home in Irene and become a resident at the Sunset Manor Nursing Home in Irene. She felt very appreciative to all the care givers who work there. She especially appreciated her Nursing Home roommate, Norbertha Noll, for her care and concern.

Helen went home to Heaven early on Sunday morning, June 14th, 1998, at the Sunset Manor Nursing Home. She was preceded in death by an infant son, Howard; her husband, Rueben; parents; brothers, Lawrence, Alvin, and Merlin Andersen; granddaughter, Krista Lee Olsen; and great grandson, Derek Andrew Ducheneaux. She leaves two sons and wives: Roger & Geraldine Olsen, Irene, and Richard & Janice Olsen, Marshall, AK; five granddaughters and one grandson: Teri & Dale Ducheneaux, Holstein, IA; Penny & Mark Dickes, Garden City, KS; Becky & Michael Nutley, Irene; Heidi & Mark Lilley, Pierre; Lorah Olsen, Marshall, AK; and Marc Andrew Olsen, Viborg. Great grandchildren are David & Scott Ducheneaux; Heath, John & Holly Dickes; Lea, Elizabeth, & Reid Nutley. Sisters-in-law are: AnnaBelle Andersen, Hartington, NE; Francis and Marian Andersen Church, Ponca, NE; Maxine Andersen, Onawa, IA; Olive Olsen Flint, Madison, SD; Hazel Olsen Rempp, Irene; Myrtle Olsen, Viborg; and nieces and nephews.

Services were held Friday, June 19, 1998 at Turkey Valley Baptist Church, rural Irene, with Pastor Lawrence Christensen officiating. Pallbearers were Rodney Benson, Charles Olsen, Chuck Olsen, Doyle Olsen, all nephews; Marc Olsen, grandson; and Darrell Swensen, cousin. Pianist was Mrs. Chuck Olsen and soloist was Virginia Rudd, family friend. Interment was at Turkey Valley Baptist Cemetery, rural Irene.