

HELENE S. MCGRAW

Helene Sarah McGraw, the daughter of Louis C. and Esther Louise (Sorensen) Rold, was born June 16, 1914 on a farm south of Irwin, Iowa. She died at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska on October 7, 1985, having attained the age of 71 years, three months, and 21 days.

Helene was baptized at the Irwin United Methodist Church and attended school in Irwin, where she graduated from high school.

On September 27, 1941, Helene was united in marriage to Willis McGraw at Kahoka, Mo. Two children were born to this union.

After they were married, Mr. and Mrs. McGraw made their home in Irwin. During World War II, Mr. McGraw served his country in the United States Army overseas in the Phillipines, where he died on April 30, 1945. Mrs. McGraw then continued to live in Irwin, where she worked at the Irwin Locker and also baked for Irwin area residents.

Helene was a member of the Irwin United Methodist church, the Irwin American Legion Auxilary where she was a Gold Star Member and she was also a Past Mother of the Year for the Irwin United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Wednesday Circle of the United Methodist Church, five card clubs and the Irwin Birthday Club.

In addition to her parents and husband, Helen was preceded in death by one brother, Leonard Rold.

She is survived by one son, Ken McGraw and one daughter, Kay Hansen both of Harlan; nine grandchildren, and one great grandchild; three sisters; Hazel (Mrs. LaVerne) Birks of Inglewood, Colo., Ruth (Mrs. Eddie) Linkletter of Portland, Ore., and Alice (Mrs. Don) Bradshaw of Ida Grove; one brother, Milford Rold of Harlan; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 9, 1985 at 1:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Irwin, with Pastor Walter Bernard officiating.

Interment was in the Harlan Cemetery, Harlan. Pallbearers were Ray Birks, Leslie Abel, Randy Miller, Gerald L. Rold, Kelly Bradshaw and Glen Pedersen.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.