

Helen Irene Bowman, 87

May 31, 1903 — March 20, 1991

AUDUBON — Helen Irene Bowman, daughter of John and Margaret Smith Burkhardt, was born May 31, 1903 in Guthrie county, and died March 20, 1991 at the Friendship Home in Audubon, at age 87 years, 9 months and 19 days. He was baptized in Coon Rapids and confirmed in Guthrie Center in the Catholic Church. She attended rural school and graduated from Audubon High School in 1921. She then attended Iowa State Teachers' College in Cedar Falls, for one year and later received her B.A. Degree from Drake University in Des Moines. She taught school in Kimballton and Melville twp., Audubon county.

June 8, 1927, she married George Wilson Bowman at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Audubon. They lived in Des Moines and she taught in Clive. In 1931, they moved to a farm in Viola twp. and later to Leroy twp., Audubon county, and she taught in Leroy twp. In 1957, they moved to Audubon where George died July 6, 1963. Later she taught sixth grade social studies in Audubon for 13 years until her retirement in 1969. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Audubon and the St. Patrick's Catholic Women.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were her parents; a brother, John Burkhardt and her sisters, Katherine Davis of Bayard and Lillian Dreier. Survivors include her children and their spouses, Gertrude (William F.) Madsen of Audubon; James E. Bowman of Des Moines; Mary Louise (Paul) Jensen of Harlan; 16 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Margaret Clark and Alice Summers, both of Audubon; one sister-in-law, Corrine Jorgensen of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. Donald A. Daleke March 23, 1991 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Audubon. Burial was in St. Patrick's Catholic cemetery in Audubon. Casketbearers were John Madsen, Jim Madsen, Mark Madsen, Mike Bowman, Jeff Bowman, Matt Jensen, Craig Jensen, Brent Upchurch and Mike Cogdall.