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## **Helen Bivens, 83**

*July 4, 1917 – Dec. 4, 2000*

**WALNUT** – Helen Marie Smith Bivens was born July 4, 1917, in Exeter, NE, the daughter of James and Katherine Brisbin Smith and was one of nine children in the family. She attended school in Fairmont, NE, and graduated in 1934.

She married Bert Bivens in York, NE, June 18, 1936. In 1938, they moved to a farm south of Walnut. Throughout their married life they farmed on several farms in the Walnut area. They were the parents of two children, Wayne and Patricia. Helen candled eggs for the Harlan Produce and for Schirm Produce in Walnut. She was a member of the Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut, and taught Sunday School for several years. She was also a member of the Walnut Fireflies. Bert died April 15, 1987. In 1992, Helen moved to Salem Lutheran Home. She died Dec. 4, 2000, at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn at age 83 years and five months.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bert; her two grandsons, Marty Bivens and Jeremy Butler; her brother, Edgar Smith; and four of her sisters, Wilma Bealieu, Alleen Sole, Hazel Cudaback and Helen's twin sister, Ellen Pfeiffer. She is survived by her son, Wayne Bivens (Ellen) of Hancock; her daughter, Patricia (Larry) Butler of Boulder City, NV; her granddaughters, Traci Bivens and Angie Weirich; her great grandson, Jake Weirich; her brother, Lloyd Smith (Goldie) of Longmont, CO; her sisters, Velma Ely of California and Betty Bastian of St. Charles, IL; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 8, 2000, at the Peace United Church of Christ, Walnut, with Pastor Doris Ruben officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Casket bearers were Larry Shepherd, Neal Schirm, Louie Troll, Rex Sievers, Kenneth Blum and Jack Osborn. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.