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Helen Johnson, 78 *(Walter)*

SHELBY - Helen Pearl Johnson was born Nov. 28, 1911 in Moore, MT. She was the daughter of Frank and Mary Nelson Wisdom. She was one of three children in the family. She graduated from Moore High School with the class of 1928.

She married Walter J.J. Johnson May 23, 1933 in Stanford, MT. They moved to the Avoca-Shelby area and farmed until 1974 when they retired and moved to Shelby. She became a resident of Salem Nursing Home in Elk Horn in June of 1987. Walter died in November of 1982. She died Jan. 7, 1990 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan at age 78 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Walter; a half-brother, Archie Nelson and a half-sister, Myrtle Hargis. She is survived by three sons, William (Bill) of Avoca; Duane of Avoca and Charles of Millard, NE.; two daughters, Delores (Bob) Bebensee of Atlantic and Betty (Gary) Brewer of Elk Horn; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were Jan. 10, 1990 at United Lutheran Church in Shelby with Pastor Stan Nielsen, officiating. Honorary casketbearers were Leonard Peters, O.R. (Bud) Hamdorf, Harry Johnson, Clarence Johnson, Burton Arentsen and Alvin Jensen. Casketbearers were Daryle Bailey, Terry Hamdorf, Charles Allen, Robert E. Andersen, Gary Damgaard and Derald Graybill. Burial was in Shelby cemetery. Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.