

Helen Johnson, 86

Nov. 14, 1920 - May 28, 2007 -

PLANO, TX — Helen Vernice Johnson, daughter of Ira and Lula (Sease) Keisler, was born in Gilbert, SC, Nov. 14, 1920, and was the fourth of seven children in the family. She grew up in Gilbert and graduated from Gilbert High School. After graduation, Helen went to work at the Charleston Navy Yard and this is where she met her future husband, Harold Ray Johnson of Elk Horn.

After moving back to the Midwest, Helen married Harold July 3, 1946. To this union two daughters were born, Cheryl Kay and Brenda Rae. The family settled in Avoca and bought the Avoca Cold Storage - a full service butcher shop. Helen and Harold worked together in this adventure. Following the death of Harold in 1971, Helen returned to her home town in South Carolina and went to work at Monroe's where she packaged calculators. In 2004 she moved to Richardson, TX where she spent her remaining years. Helen became a resident of the Heritage Manor Health Care Center in Plano, TX and this is where she died May 28, 2007, at age 86 years, six months and 14 days.

Helen is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; four brothers, O'Neil, Herman, Vaughn and Smyrle Keisler; and two sisters, Roberta Karan and Margaret Rankin. Survivors include her daughters, Cheryl (Phil) Musfeldt of Richardson, TX; Brenda Johnson of Copperhill, TN; one grandson, Joel Musfeldt of Richardson, TX; nieces; nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 1, 2007, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, with Pastor Dennis Reich officiating. Casket bearers were Marvin Piittmann, Alan Sieh, Phil Musfeldt, Otto Faaborg and Gary Lorenzen. Burial was held at Cuppy's Grove Cemetery in rural Walnut. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.