

Helen Josephine Mills Kaltoft, 73 ✓

May 8, 1920 - Sept. 5, 1993

KIMBALLTON— Helen Josephine Mills was born May 8, 1920 in Kirksville, MO to Mary Helen (McNeil) Mills and Horace Archer Mills. She was baptized in the First Baptist Church in Kirksville and attended grade and high school there. She spent her first year of college at Sullins College in Bristol, VA and completed her Bachelor's Degree in Primary Education at Kirksville State Teachers College (Northeast Missouri State University). She began teaching in Booneville, MO in 1942 and later taught for three years in St. Louis at the Riverview Gardens Public School.

Sept. 7, 1946, she married Leland L. Kaltoft at the First Baptist Church in Kirksville. The couple make their home in Kimballton, where she became a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church. She taught in the Kimballton Public School from 1947 to 1949, and then focused on raising three children. In 1969 she completed her Masters Degree in Elementary Education at Omaha University (University of Nebraska at Omaha). She then taught in the Marne and Walnut School Systems from 1970 to 1975. She also worked with Leland in their funeral business from 1961 to 1993.

She was a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood from 1938 until the time of her death. She was initiated into the P.E.O. Chapter CW, Kirksville, where she belonged until moving to Kimballton. She then demitted to the Harlan P.E.O. Chapter AP, where she celebrated her 50th year Sisterhood anniversary in 1988.

Throughout her life she was active in the work of the church. She taught Sunday School and shared her musical talents by piano accompaniment in many events. She also taught piano lessons throughout her life. She died Sept. 5, 1993 in Kimballton.

She was preceded in death by her father, Horace Mills. She is survived by her mother, Mary Helen Mills of Kirksville, MO; her husband Leland Kaltoft of Kimballton; her three children; Gwendolyn Kaltoft of Kimballton, Anita Buller (Steven) of Beemer, NE and Bernard Kaltoft of Kimballton; three grandchildren; a sister, Emma Lou Shain of Kirksville, MO; a brother, Horace (Bud) Mills of St. Louis, MO; several cousins, sisters-in-law & brothers-in-law.

Funeral services were held Sept. 9, 1993 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church with Rev. John Riggle officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran cemetery in Kimballton. Casket bearers were: Don Hopp, Clay Pauley, Kjer Christensen, Don Madsen, Harrison Hansen & Eivind Lillehoj. Steen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.