

Helen Dey, 90

Aug. 5, 1910 – Sept. 15, 2000

WALNUT – Helen Rose Dey was born Aug. 5, 1910, on the family farm near Fort Calhoun, NE, daughter of Arthur Krambeck and Alma Boettger Krambeck. She was the oldest of six children in the family. She attended the Green country school and graduated from Benson High School in Omaha, NE, in the spring of 1927. She then went on to attend Peru State Teachers College in Peru, NE. She taught country school in Douglas County in Nebraska for 12 years. She taught in District School 20 and in District School 25, which at that time was across the road from Boys Town.

Feb. 3, 1940, she married Arnold Carlos Dey at St. John's Lutheran Church at Florence, NE. They farmed near Elk City, NE, for seven years and they then moved to the Krambeck family farm in 1947, near Fort Calhoun. They were the parents of one daughter Ardythe Lynne. They were engaged in farming until 1973, when they retired from farming and moved to a farm north of Walnut. They were founding members of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Walnut. Helen was a member of the Walnut Creek Historical Society, the Walnut Federated Garden Club and her Neighborhood Club. Arnold died Dec. 26, 1997. She moved to Peace Haven in 1995 and to Salem Lutheran Home in 1999. She died Sept. 15, 2000, at Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic, at age 90 years, one month and 10 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Arnold; and three of her sisters, Wilhemina McDaniel, June Crisp and Bernice Peters. She is survived by her daughter, Ardythe (Neal) Smith of Walnut; her grandchildren, Andrea (Jeff) Kester of Minneapolis, MN; Clint Smith of Walnut and Regina Smith of Wayne, NE; one great grandchild, Owen; her brother, Arthur Krambeck Jr. of Omaha, NE; and her sister, Arline (Charles) Kaffenberger of Seattle, WA; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 19, 2000, at the Our Savior Lutheran Church, Walnut, with Vicar Merlene Ostebee officiating. Burial was in the Fort Calhoun Cemetery. Casket bearers were Jeff Smith, Ken Smith, John Eggleston, Edwin Mills, Larry Kock and Bill Briggs. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.