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## **Bernice L. Helmers, 79**

**Aug. 31, 1917 - Oct. 12, 1996**

**MARION** - Bernice L. Helmers, 79, of Marion, Iowa died Oct. 12, 1996, at her daughter's home in Marion. Bernice was born the daughter of John A. and Theresa Vogel Lutz on Aug. 31, 1917, in Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, Canada.

She married Kenneth R. Helmers Nov. 17, 1938 in Cooperstown, ND. He died Jan. 1, 1987. Bernice assisted her husband in the operation of a jewelry store in Lisbon, ND for 21 years. She was an activity coordinator at Villa Nursing Home, Winterset, 21 years, retiring in 1980. Bernice was a member of Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion. Mr. Helmers was administrator of the Baptist Memorial Home in the 1960's.

Surviving are two daughters, Bernadine Youel (Kenneth) of Marion and Marilyn Woodruff (Robert) of DeKalb, IL; a son, Darrell Helmers of Mesa, AZ; 14 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren and a brother, Frank Lutz (Mavis) of Bozeman, MT.

Burial was at Winterset, IA cemetery. Two memorial funds have been established in her name to go to Hospice of Mercy, c/o Mercy Medical Center, 701 10th St., SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403 and Squaw Creek Baptist Church, 1410 44th St., Marion, IA 52302.