

## Helen Herkenrath, 87 ✓

*Aug. 25, 1918 - March 22, 2006*

**PORTSMOUTH** — Helen Marie Herkenrath, the daughter of Matt and Margaret Sonntag Herbst, was born Aug. 25, 1918, in Panama. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. She attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Panama.

Helen married Philip Herkenrath Oct. 9, 1935, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama and to this union eight children were born. After their marriage, they made their home in Portsmouth, where they owned and operated their own business. She was a longtime resident of Portsmouth and St. Mary's Catholic Church. She died at her home March 22, 2006, surrounded by her family at age 87 years, six months and 28 days.

Helen is preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, three sisters and her husband of 58 years, and an infant son, James. She is survived by her children, Philip Herkenrath (Genevieve) of Neola; Darlene Johnson of Stockton, CA; Richard Herkenrath (Karen) of Elkhorn, NE; Sharon Belder of Los Angeles, CA; Linda (Nick) Bruck of Bettendorf; John Herkenrath (Mary) of Fremont, NE; and Jane (Audeh) Malley of Phoenix, AZ; 19 grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren; nieces and nephews, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 25, 2006, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, with Rev. John Dorton celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth, with Patrick Johnson, Keith Bruck, and Mohammed Malley honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Dan Bruck, Mark Herkenrath, Phil Belder, Haasan Malley, J.J. Herkenrath and Michael Johnson. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

