

Helen (Larsen) Manhart, 86

Feb. 27, 1919 - Feb. 3, 2006

WALNUT — Helen (Larsen) Manhart was born Feb. 27, 1919, in Beebeetown to Henry Rodenburg and Martha (Peterson) Rodenburg.

Helen married Leo Alfred Larsen Nov. 15, 1937. They were blessed with four children, Elaine, Melvin, Gene and Dennis. After Leo died in 1966, Helen married Louis Manhart of Neola Dec. 17, 1971. She lived in Missouri Valley, Neola, Shelby and Walnut. She volunteered at the Neola Senior Center. She was a longtime member of the United Church of Christ in Minden. She died Feb. 3, 2006, at Cass County Memorial Hospital at age 86 years, 11 months and four days.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Leo Larsen and Louis Manhart; six brothers and sisters, Grace Bracker, Arthur Rodenburg, Opal Wehrle, Dorothy Tait, Ernest Rodenburg and Howard Rodenburg; and her daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Don Adams. She is survived by her three sons, Melvin Larsen (Suzanne) of Walnut, Gene Larsen (Janet) of Walnut and Dennis Larsen (Judy) of Aledo, IL; one brother, Leonard Rodenburg of Missouri Valley; nine grandchildren, nine great grandchildren; and other relatives.

Services were held Feb. 7, 2006, at the Minden United Church of Christ with Pastor Brian Wohlhuter and Rev. Gail Muckey officiating. Burial was in Southlawn Cemetery near Atlantic with John Adams, Scott Stillian, Lynn Bracker, David Manhart, Dennis Keeney and Mike Stillian casket bearers and Lynn Manhart and Leslie Rodenburg honorary casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.