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Helen I. Weir, 83 ✓

Sept. 13, 1913 - July 11, 1997

WALNUT - Helen Irene Weir was one of six children born to Arthur and Margaret Drake Mertz Sept. 13, 1913 at Walnut. She graduated from the Walnut High School in 1931. She worked as a bookkeeper and bank teller in the Walnut Sate Bank.

She married Henry Thiessen Jan. 8, 1938, at Papillion, NE. They were the parents of two daughters, Irene Sue and Charlotte Eileen. He died Nov. 13, 1977.

She married Dr. Lauren Weir Feb. 6, 1982 in Walnut. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Liberty Chapter O.E.S. and a charter member of the Amvets Auxiliary. She died at Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic, July 11, 1997, at age 83 years, nine months and 28 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Henry. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Lauren Weir of Walnut; two daughters, Irene (Eric) Bonham of Omaha and Charlotte Thiessen of Omaha; stepson, Edward Thiessen (Cindy) of Lawton, OK; two stepdaughters, Mary Padgett of Melvindale, MI and Anne (Elliott) Gordon of Phoenix, AZ; two sisters, Alice Richter of Walnut and Hazel (Rex) Knouse of Co. Bluffs; three brothers, Herbert Mertz (Marie) of Walnut; George Mertz of Walnut and Laverne Mertz (Mary Ellen) of Omaha; four granddaughters, Robin, Rebecca, Jennifer and Kathy; six step-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 15, 1997, at the First Presbyterian Church, Walnut, with Rev. Doris Ruben officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Casket bearers were Kennard Mertz, Dennis Mertz, Greg Mertz, Robert Lytle, Don Walter and Richard Hildebrand. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.