Helyn VaLou Graham, 92, of LaGrange, Ga., and formerly of Brooklyn, Iowa, passed away on Sunday, May 27, 2018, at West Georgia Hospi-
cice in LaGrange, Ga. Funeral Services will be held Friday, 
June 1, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Kruse-Phillips Funeral Home 
in Tama with Pastor Charles 
Johnson officiating. Internment 
will follow at Haven Cemetery 
in rural Tama. Visitations will 
be held Friday from 11:00 a.m. 
to two and thirty minutes at 
the time of service at 2:00 
p.m. at the funeral home.

Helyn was born on December 
8, 1925, in Salida, Colorado, the 
daughter of Thomas Newton and Rosa Edna (Rut-
ledge) Williams.

Her family moved to El Reno, Oklahoma, in 1928, where they lived 
until 1942. In 1942, the family relocated to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where 
Helyn graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1943.

She married Richard Allen Graham in 1944 and lived on the farm 
in Poweshiek County for fifty-eight years. Following Richard's death, 

Helyn was a faithful member of the Haven Community Church and 
the Center Point United Methodist Church. She continued to worship 
at the First Baptist Church in LaGrange, Georgia. Her greatest joy was her chil-
dren and step-children and their families.

Survivors include her three children, Timothy Allan and Frances Grimes Graham of Val-
dosta, GA; Robblejean and Donald Miller of 
LaGrange, GA; and William Scott and Hether Wyman Graham of Goshen, 
IN. She leaves fourteen grandchildren; twenty-eight great-grand-
children; six great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters-in-law, Sheila 
Williams of Marion, Iowa, and Carolyn Williams of Jamestown, KY.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Richard Gra-
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son and his wife, Kevin and Lora Johnson Graham; one grandson, 
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In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Haven Com-
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