

## HELEN JAMES

Feb. 3, 1925 - Mar. 17, 2023

Helen James, 98, formerly of rural Keswick and New Sharon, passed away Friday afternoon, March 17, 2023 at the Brooklyn Community Estates. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. March 23, at Holland-Coble Funeral Home, Montezuma. Burial will be in Union Mills Cemetery at Union Mills.

Visitation will begin after 1 p.m. March 22 with the family present from 5-7 p.m., at Holland-Coble

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Funeral Home, Montezuma. Memorials may be designated to the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) or Spina Bifida Association of Iowa.

Helen Paulene (McCulley) James was born February 3, 1925 near Thornburg, to John and Catherine Kephart McCulley. She was the tenth child of fourteen children. She attended Green View Country School and was graduated from Gibson High School in 1943.

Helen worked at the Maytag Factory at Newton, Iowa, the airplane plant in Omaha, NB and the Overall Factory in Oskaloosa.

She was united in marriage to John C. "Jack" James in 1947 at the Methodist Church in Oskaloosa. They settled on a farm by Deep River. To this union two children were born, Michael James and Brenda James Sutfin. Helen enjoyed her family, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She also enjoyed family get togethers, fishing, camping, wintering in Florida, fishing in Canada and playing cards.

Helen was not afraid of work. Being a farmer's wife, she took care of many tasks from spring field work, hauling in wagons at harvest time, taking care of chores, raising chickens, and having a garden with always having breakfast, lunch and supper being a four course meal. Helen's faith was always strong and she was a member of the New Sharon First Christian Church. She was baptized April, 2010, and received the Lord as her personal savior.

She is survived by her son, Mike (Beth) James, daughter, Brenda (Dan) Sutfin of Deep River; grandchildren, Heather (Cheyan) Steele, Alex (Leslie) James, Jennifer (Dustin) Stowell, Jessica (Bryce) Arneson and D.J. (Courtney) Sutfin; 10 great grandchildren, Alina, Marley, Tinsley, Connor, Declan, Walker, Liv, Reese, Junior and Ruth.

In addition to her husband, Helen was preceded in death by her par-

ents; eight brothers, Marvin, Vernon, Donald, Kenneth "Tunney", David, William "Bill", Harlan, and Robert "Bob" McCulley and three sisters, Elizabeth Acord, Margaret Sampson, Jean Williams, and two infants, Rassie and Catherine.