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## Helen Dunnick, 90



Helen Dunnick, 90, of Millpond Retirement Community in Ankeny and formerly of Oskaloosa, passed away at her home early Thursday morning, July 5, 2007.

Her funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 11, at Central United Methodist Church with the Rev. Robert Dean officiating. Burial will be at Forest Cemetery. Visitation will begin at noon on Tuesday morning at Garland-Van Arkel-Langkamp Funeral Chapel. The family will be present from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday to greet visitors.

Helen Marie Dunnick, daughter of Fred and Alma Oldaker Axmear, was born July 9, 1916, near Keswick, Iowa. She attended the Porter Country Grade School and was a 1933 graduate of Keswick High School. She continued her education at Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls for two years. On Jan. 6, 1937 she married Isaac Arnout Dunnick in Des Moines. They began their life together farming near Gibson where they lived for the first year of their marriage. They then moved to a

farm north of Keswick where they lived until 1952. At that time they moved to a farm near Barnes City where they lived until 1965 when they retired and moved to Oskaloosa. Helen then worked as a bookkeeper at Mahaska Bookstore. In July of 1997, Helen moved to Ankeny. She was a member of the Central United Methodist Church, its Quilting Society and Central United Methodist Women.

Helen's memory is honored by her children and their spouses, Arnout and Arlene Dunnick of Barnes City, Everett and Olivia Dunnick of Temecula, Calif., Mary and Jack Heberlein of Quartz Hill, Calif., and Nellie and Keith Schmidt of Ankeny. She was blessed with 16 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She is survived by one brother, Raymond (Lois) Axmear of Keswick and three sisters, Betty (Bob) Davies of Sun City West, Ariz., Lois (Dennis) Miller of Woodburn, Ore. and JoAnn (Jimmie) Moore of Keswick.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Isaac; a son, Isaac Arthur "Junior" Dunnick; a daughter, Ruth Tipton; three sisters, Hazel Hanson, Jean McPherson and Myrna Peet; and two brothers, Dale and Kenneth Axmear.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association and United Methodist Women of Central