

Helen Hasley, 88

Helen M. Hasley died on Oct. 13, 2001, at the Montezuma Nursing and Rehab Center where she had been a resident for 11 months. She was 88 years and 5 months of age.

Helen Maxine Hasley was born in Madison County on June 18, 1913. Her parents were Elva Hadley and Samuel Carroll McKibben. Helen graduated from East High School in Des Moines in 1931. She attended William Penn College for two years. On Feb. 24, 1936, she was united in marriage to Floyd James Hasley of Searsboro in Des Moines. They made their home on a farm east of Searsboro until his death in 1974. Helen was a member of the Searsboro Friends Church until moving to New Sharon where she became a member of the New Sharon Christian Church. After Helen moved to Montezuma, she joined the First Presbyterian Church. She was a member of the Bunker Hill Booster Club and Loyal Daughters.

Helen loved to bake bread and cookies and enjoyed volunteer work at the congregate meal site at New Sharon. She taught Sunday school for many years in Searsboro and New Sharon churches. She enjoyed watching the Chicago Cubs baseball and football games on television.

Helen was baptized in the Jordan River on a trip to Jerusalem in 1975.

Her parents, stepfather, Alvin Rosburg, husband, and infant daughter, Eleanor Lucille, a grandson, Kevin Long, and a stepbrother, Gene Rosburg, preceded Helen in death.

She is survived by a sister, Darlene Shannon, N.M., a step sister, Elizabeth Ann Creger, Ariz., sisters-in-law, Edna Dawley and June Williams of New Sharon, Maxine Hasley of Mouth of Wilson, Va., and Arlene Hasley of Grinnell.

Also surviving are her children and their spouses, Mary Jo and Raymond Watson and Barbara and Eugene Long of Montezuma; Carolyn and David Jontz of S. Pasadena, Calif.; Wayne and Ruth Hasley of Searsboro, and Ray and LeAnn Hasley of Lynnville. There are twelve grandchildren and 20 great-grand children.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2001, at 1:30 p.m. at the Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma, with Dr. George M. Salnave of the First Presbyterian Church in Montezuma, officiating.

Music was provided by Mrs. Eleanor Coster, organist and Rick Swearengin, soloist, along with congregational music.

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Surviving are her children, Mary Jo Watson of Montezuma, Carolyn Jontz of South Pasadena, Calif., Wayne of Searsboro and Ray of Lynnville; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; one sister, Darlene Shannon of New Mexico; and one step sister, Elizabeth Ann Creger of Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her stepfather, Alvin Rosburg; her husband; an infant daughter, Eleanor Lucille; one grandson; and one stepbrother, Gene Rosburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to World Gospel Missions or Grinnell Regional Hospice.