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Her funeral service was Friday, Sept. 24, at the United Church of Deep River with Pastor Boyd Sparks officiating. Interment was at Golden Rod Cemetery, Deep River. Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma was in charge of the arrangements.

Casket bearers were Rande Henkle, John Mann, Dan Thompson, Dennis Johnston, Michael Johnston and Michael Geiger.

Helen was born Feb. 17, 1913, at Carlyle, S.D., the daughter of George Grover Gabriel and Cleone Eugenia (Mayo) Gilmore. She graduated from Deep River High School in 1930. On Dec. 15, 1936, she was united in marriage with Wendell Winfield McClain at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. To this union two daughters were born, Karen Sue and Sally Lou. They lived in Deep River where she helped her

husband with the Standard Oil Tank Wagon business for 36 years. Helen worked in the hot lunch program at Deep River Schools before retiring in 1975. She enjoyed embroidering and crewel work. Helen loved to travel and especially liked Colorado and Florida. She also enjoyed her roses. She was a member of the United Church of Deep River and the Progress Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wendell (Pete) McClain on May 9, 1974; two sisters, Phyllis King and one who died in infancy, and a son-in-law, Roger Henkle.

Helen is survived by two daughters, Sue Henkle and Sally (and Dennis) Johnston, all of Montezuma; five grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild: Rande and Paula Henkle and Cole; John and Robin Mann and Matt and Adam, Dan and Heidi Thompson and Bailey, Marie and Mitchell, Michael and Brenda Johnston and Connor and Colleen, Michael and Wendy Geiger and Tyler and Tessa, Shannon and Miranda Arthur, and Brett and Megan Strong and Kodie, and other relatives and friends.

A memorial in her name has been established for the United Church of Deep River.

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