

Helen Clayton Mayo



Helen Clayton Mayo, 78, of Grinnell and formerly of Brooklyn, died Thursday, June 28, 2012, at the Oldorf Hospice House of Mercy in Hiawatha, Iowa.

A celebration of life service was held Monday, July 2, at Madison Church of Christ, rural Brooklyn, with Mr. Dennis Smith officiating. Family burial was in the Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials should be directed to the family.

Online condolences may be extended to the family at www.klosterfuneralhome.com.

Helen was born June 8, 1934, in Grinnell, to David and Grace Anthony. Helen was a lifelong resident of Poweshiek and Tama counties. She was a farmer's daughter and was involved in farming all her life. She attended Sheridan #2 and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1951. In 1954, Helen married Roger Clayton at her parent's home in Sheridan Township. She was a mother and homemaker,

farm manager, and business clerk at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. She volunteered with the East Poweshiek Ambulance Service as an EMT, and was a 4-H advisor and Campfire leader. She was a member of the Madison Church of Christ and active with Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Missions work and CCW. Roger died in 1989. In 1991 she married Malcom Mayo at the Madison Church of Christ.

Helen enjoyed spending time with family and collecting cardinals.

Helen is survived by her husband, Malcom Mayo; children Ronald and Richard Clayton, both of Grinnell, Louise Worsham of Dover, Ohio, Susan St. John, of Aurora, Colo., David Clayton of Pinole, Calif., and Virginia Roudabush, Mt. Vernon, Iowa; four grandchildren; 29 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; siblings Dorothea Lang of Brooklyn, Charles Anthony of Des Moines, and Rich Anthony, Anamosa; and many other relations.

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She is also survived by Malcom's four children Kenny Mayo, Karen Plum, Linda (Bill) Heine and Donna (Chris) Round; 29 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren; siblings

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Dorothea Lang of Brooklyn, Charles (Melinda) Anthony of Des Moines, and Rich (Kathy) Anthony, Anamosa; sisters-in-law Mary Dean, Pauline Phipps and Margaret Clayton and brother-in-law Paul (Marge) Clayton, all of Grinnell, brother-in-law Calvin Mayo, of Blakesburg and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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