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Helyn VaLou Graham

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Helyn was born on December 8, 1925, in Salida, Colorado, the daughter of Thomas Newton and Rosa Edna (Rut-

ledge) Williams.

Her family moved to El Reno, Oklahoma, in 1928, where they lived until 1942. In 1942, the family relocated to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where Helyn graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1943.

She married Richard Allen Graham in 1944 and lived on the farm in Poweshiek County for fifty-seven years. Following Richard's death, she married Robert G. Allard and relocated to Urbana, Iowa, in 2001. Helyn was a faithful member of the Haven Community Church and the Center Point United Methodist Church. She continued to worship at the First Baptist Church in LaGrange, Georgia. Her greatest joy was her children and step-children and their families.

Survivors include her three children, Timothy Allan and Frances Grimes Graham of Valdosta, Ga., Robbiejean and Donald Miller of LaGrange, Ga., and William Scott and Hether Wyman Graham of Goshen, Ind. She leaves fourteen grandchildren; twenty-eight great-grandchildren; six great-great grandchildren; and two sisters-in-law, Sheila Williams of Marion, Iowa, and Carolyn Williams of Jamestown, Ky.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Richard Graham; one daughter and her husband, Daniel and VaLou Brunell; one son and his wife, Kevin and Lora Johnson Graham; one grandson, Mark John Graham; five brothers; and three sisters.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Haven Community Church, 2482 380th St. Tama, IA 52339.



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