

## Helen Nelson

Helen E. Nelson, 82, of Grinnell died Wednesday, March 3, at Friendship Manor.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at St. Francis Catholic Church in Quincy, Ill., with the Rev. Roger McKeague officiating. Pallbearers were Bob Baker, Steve Cole, Jerry Rose, Bill Spilker, Marty Vahlkamp and Raymond Vahlkamp Jr. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Quincy.

Memorials may be made to St. Francis Catholic Church.

She was the daughter of Stephen and Teresa Schnetzler Vahlkamp and was born Aug. 19, 1910, in Quincy. She attended school there.

She was married to Merle Nelson in LaPorte, Texas. The couple lived in Quincy where Mrs. Nelson worked in a bakery and grocery store and later worked in the housekeeping department at Quincy College. She retired in 1978 and moved to Grinnell in 1980.

Surviving are two daughters, Helen Cookson of Grinnell and Kathleen Norell of Batavia, Ill.; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four brothers, Lawrence, Arthur and Raymond Vahlkamp, all of Quincy, and Robert of Cape Coral, Fla.; and two sisters, Marie Brinks and Cathryn Spilker, both of Quincy.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; two brothers, Frank and Stephen; and one sister, Clara Fries.

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