

Helen Walraven *BC November 17, 1999*

Funeral services are planned for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, at Calvary Baptist Church in Grinnell for Helen Walraven, 78, of Grinnell, who died Nov. 14, 1999, at Friendship Manor in Grinnell. Pastor Bruce Feuerbach, pastor of the church, will officiate. Music will be by organist Nancy Sears and pianist Tari Osborn, a duet by Rick Osborn and Rochelle Wilkins, "Till the Storm Passes By," and a congregational hymn, "Wounded for Me," by the congregation.

Casket bearers will be Chris Babcock, Norman Dvorak, Larry Eden, Lyle Johnston, Donald Parks, Paul Pedersen and John Richard Wright. Honorary bearers will be Dorothy Christinson, Odessa Douglas, Naomi Elliott, Roberta Mason, Vera Osborn, Julia Pearce, Nancy Sears and Dorothy Sisco. Interment will be at 1:30 p.m. that afternoon at Haven Cemetery, Tama County.

Helen, the daughter of Luther Allen and Lucile Borschel Parks, was born April 1, 1921, on a farm north of Brooklyn. She attended Madison #5 rural school in Poweshiek County and was a 1938 graduate of Brooklyn High School.

She later received her BA degree in elementary education at William Penn College in 1967. She was married to Raymond Keith Walraven Oct. 15, 1945, in Haven.

The couple made their home in Tama prior to living on several farms in Tama and Poweshiek counties. After the death of her husband in 1972, she moved to Grinnell.

Helen was an educator for many years in rural schools of Poweshiek and Tama counties and later the Grinnell-Newburg School District. She retired in 1976 and was past president of Tama County Rural Teachers.

Helen accepted the Lord as her Savior in November 1948. She taught Sunday school and was a member of the Haven Community Church for over 30 years. Currently she was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Grinnell.

She enjoyed her family and friends and enjoyed attending many of her grandchildren's activities. She was very interested in their progress and achievements.

Her parents, her husband, and one brother and sister, Donald Parks and Hazel Johnston, preceded her in death.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Ronald Osborn of Malcom; two grandchildren and their spouses, Rick and Tari Osborn of Des Moines and Rochelle and Mike Wilkins of Malcom; two great-grandchildren, Abigail Rose Osborn and Madeline Rene Wilkins; and a dear friend, Naomi Elliott of Grinnell.

Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell was in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Dollars for Scholars and/or the National World War II Memorial Monument in Washington D.C.

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Helen Walraven, 78, of 205 Eighth Ave., Grinnell, died of cancer Sunday, Nov. 14, at Friendship Manor.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Calvary Baptist Church in Grinnell, with the Rev. Bruce Feuerbach officiating. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. at Haven Cemetery, rural Tama County.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home. The family will be present from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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She taught in rural schools in Tama and Poweshiek counties and later in the Grinnell-Newburg School District, retiring in 1976.

She was married to Raymond Keith Walraven Oct. 15, 1945, in Haven.

Mrs. Walraven was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church and was a past president of the Tama County Rural Teachers Association.

She is survived by one daughter, Connie Osborn; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one sister, Hazel; and one brother, Donald Parks.

Memorial contributions may be made to Dollars for Scholars or the World War II Memorial.

(Raymond K.)

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