



Helen Rodwell

November 6, 1913 - April 10, 2008

Helen Rodwell: Helen passed away Thursday morning at Mahaska Hospital in Oskaloosa at the age of 94 years, 4 months and 4 days.

Helen's family includes her sons: John P. and his wife, Joyce Rodwell, of Oskaloosa and Robert J. Rodwell and his companion, Betty Vermeer, of Oskaloosa; two grandsons: Douglas (Denise) Rodwell of Oskaloosa and Michael (Amy) Rodwell also of Oskaloosa; three great grandchildren: Dylan, Makayla and Jenna Rodwell; a sister, Celia Godin of Gilbert AZ and three sisters-in-law: Emily Rodwell, Florence Rodwell and Kathryn Werner.

Helen Rodwell, daughter of Martin and Eva Szok Semanski, was born November 6, 1913 in Albia, Iowa. She was a 1931 graduate of Albia High School. Following her education she worked at a bottling company in Albia for several years and later taught school for several years in Albia. May 16, 1938, she married John Joseph Rodwell, Jr. in the Georgetown Parish of Melrose, Iowa and they began married life together in Albia. January 1, 1950, they moved to their home in Givin, Iowa, where Helen remained until the time of her death. After her sons were in school, Helen started working at the Continental Overall Factory, where she remained for 15 years. From there she went to work in the scale house at the Givin and Durham Rock Quarry, she remained there until her retirement in 1973. Helen enjoyed flower and vegetable gardening and watching birds. Helen loved her family and cherished the time she spent with them; her three great grandchildren were her pride and joy.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; her husband on April 5, 1987; three sisters: Katie Foster, Mary Ivy and Clara Sammons; a brother, Edward Semanski and a daughter-in-law, Peggy Rodwell.

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Rodwell*

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