



Helen Nichols

July 20, 1910 - June 15, 2011

Helen Mae Nichols, of Cedar Falls, died Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at the New Aldaya Lifescapes (Cedar Falls Lutheran Home).

She was born July 20, 1910 in Andrew, Iowa, the daughter of William L. and Ida L. (Hesse) Cheney. She married Leslie H. Nichols on October 18, 1928 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He preceded her in death on September 28, 1981.

Helen graduated from Maquoketa High School and earned her Teaching Certificate from Iowa State Teachers College (UNI). She taught briefly at a country school near Andrew in Jackson County, before becoming a homemaker.

Helen is survived by two sons, Wayne Nichols of Leesburg, FL, and Dale (Velma) Nichols of Elk Run Heights, IA; a daughter, Norma (Robert) Emmert of Hudson, IA; five grandchildren: Linda (David) Barr, Charles (Monique) Nichols, Terri Derifield, Steven (Eileen) Emmert, and Sheryl (Dennis) Maurer; eleven great-grandchildren; seven step great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; ten step great-great-grandchildren; three brothers, Arthur, Walter and Edwin Cheney; three sisters, Elizabeth Helfert, Violette Grislik, and Dorothy Dirkes.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a daughter, Donna M. Nichols at birth; and a daughter-in-law, Margarita Nichols.

Tribute Wall



“ *condolences to your family i remember coming to work in the morning n helen would start to sing she also would always sing my blue heaven and i love to hear her sing it again!!! She will be dearly missed!!!*

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