



Helen Vanek

June 7, 1912 - October 10, 2009

Helen L. Vanek (1912-2009)

Helen L. Vanek, 97, of Western Home Communities Windcove, Cedar Falls, died Saturday, October 10, 2009.

She was born June 7, 1912 in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of Walter and Mary Ginalski Szymanski. She married James A. Vanek on May 23, 1933 in Chicago. He died April 9, 1979.

Mrs. Vanek was employed as an accountant with the South Suburban School System in Chicago for fifteen years.

Survivors include her daughter, Karen (Richard) Borglum of Janesville; five grandchildren, Laura Habenicht, Kirsten Levi, Alissa Kerr, Anthony Borglum and Kelliann Zahrt; nine great-grandchildren, Jayne, Macy, Kara, Mia, Cassius, Callahan, Lilly, Hadley, and one due.

Preceded in death by three brothers, Stanley and Leo Szymanski and Chester Simmons; and one sister, Florence Supergan.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Cedar Falls, with burial in Holy Cross Cemetery, Chicago.

Friends may call from 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at Richardson Funeral Home, and for one hour before Mass Thursday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the family.