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## Helen Hansen, 84 ✓

*April 27, 1921 - Nov. 24, 2005*

**ATLANTIC** — Helen Hansen was born April 27, 1921, in rural Harlan to Andrew and Emma (Degn) Swensen. She attended Old Edwards School near rural Exira and then Greeley #9 through the eighth grade. She then worked for families in the Exira area doing housework. In the fall of 1942 she worked for Swift Meat Company in Omaha, NE, and from December 1943 until September 1944 she and her sister, Mary, went to California and worked at Modern Plastics Defense Plant.

Helen went to Springfield, MO, and Oct. 23, 1944, she married Robert M. Hansen. She was a member of the Jolly Workers Neighborhood Club and the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. She died Nov. 24, 2005 at the Allen House in Atlantic at age 84.

Preceding Helen in death were her parents, Andrew and Emma Swensen; her husband, Robert M. Hansen in 1990; a sister, Leona Jensen; and three brothers-in-law, Ray Bornholdt, Lester Anderson and Hubert Jensen. Survivors include two sons, Bob (Kathi) Hansen of Atlantic, and Larry (Cathy) Hansen of Haverhill; two daughters, Marlys Reeves of Riverside, MI, and Delane (Mark) Kempf of Blue Springs, MO; 14 grandchildren, Steve, Michael and Kristen Kempf; Ryan, Patrick and Andrew Hansen; Jeff, Brian and Mark Reeves; Heidi, Hilary and Kyle Hansen; and Chris and Rob Hansen; two great-grandchildren, Karina and Reese Hansen; two brothers, Edward (Marjorie) Swensen of Exira and Gene (Bette) Swensen of York, PA; two sisters, Virginia Bornholdt of Audubon and Mary Childers of Satellite Beach, FL; several nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 28, 2005, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Rev. Andrew Menter officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Cemetery. Hockenberry Family Care in Atlantic in charge of arrangements.