

## Helen Josephine / Henry, 91

June 26, 1926 - May 30, 2018

**HARLAN** – Helen Josephine Henry, the daughter of Joseph and Anna Marie (Kenkel) Hertzling, was born on June 26, 1926, in Harlan. She grew up in Harlan and was baptized and confirmed in her faith at the St. Michael's Catholic Church of Harlan.

On December 29, 1948, Helen married Douglas Henry and the couple were blessed with three children Vicki, Robert, and Deb. The family made their home in Harlan where Helen worked as a housekeeper for a local priest

and cleaned a doctor's office. Helen was a feisty woman with a love of life. During her time in Harlan she enjoyed keeping track of the local weather as a weather spotter and belonging to a CB Radio Club.

In 2007 she relocated to Ida Grove to be closer to her daughter Deb. Helen was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Ida Grove. She liked to crochet, bake, the color purple, spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and loved pup sitting Charlie.

Helen passed away at the Willow Dale Wellness Village of Battle Creek Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at the age of 91.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Anna Marie Hertzling; husband Douglas Henry (2003); brother Vernon Hertzling.

Helen is survived by her children Vicki (Lanny) Petsche of Harlan, Robert (Dalyce) Henry, Deb (Jeff) Kelley of Ida Grove; grandchildren Kristin (Nathan) Boysen, Craig (Kayla) Kelley, Jennifer (Matt) Puffer, and Douglas Henry; great-grandchildren Colton Boysen, Carson Boysen, Magdalene Boysen, and Wyatt Puffer; sisters Lois Ann Phillips of Florida and Viola James of Council Bluffs; nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Funeral services were held 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 4 at the Christensen-Van Houten Funeral Home in Ida Grove. Pastor Kristin Boysen officiated with committal services at the Harlan Cemetery. A visitation was held from 5-7 p.m. with a Rosary Service at 6:45 p.m. and a Vigil Service at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 3 at the Christensen-Van Houten Funeral Home of Ida Grove.

The Christensen-Van Houten Funeral Home of Ida Grove was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be set online at [www.christensenvan-houten.com](http://www.christensenvan-houten.com).



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