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Helen Koch, 89

Aug. 2, 1911 – July 17, 2001

SHELBY – Mary Helen Paul Koch was born Aug. 2, 1911, at Shelby, to Ralph and Florence Leekley Pryor. She attended school in Shelby and graduated from Shelby High School in 1929. She then attended college in Lincoln, NE, and received her Teachers Certificate. She taught second grade in Marquette, NE. When her father became ill she quit teaching to help her mother.

She married John Paul, from Persia, April 10, 1935. They farmed between Shelby and Persia where Frank and Connie Paul now reside. To this union four children were born, Charlotte, Barbara, David and Roger. John died May 16, 1973.

In 1974, Helen married Randolph Koch. They had 16 years together and June 19, 1990, Randy died. Helen was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Shelby, The Ladies Aid and of the Presbyterian Mariners, local bridge clubs, canasta club and the Federated Women's Club. She died July 17, 2001, at age 89 years.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, John and Randy; two brothers, Arthur and George Pryor; her twin sister, Dorothy Bishop Hudson; an infant sister and one grandson, Roger Paul. She is survived by her four children, Charlotte Adams (John) of Carson City, NV; Barbara Glissman of Omaha, NE; David Paul (Janet) of Mud Butte, SD and Roger Paul (Beverly) of Persia; 14 grandchildren; 33 great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 20, 2001, at the First Presbyterian Church, Shelby, with Mr. Orris Drake officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Dick Pryor and Hugh Pryor. Casket bearers were Daniel Paul, Neal Paul, Todd Glissman, John Paul, Scott Adams and Tyler Glissman. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.