

Helen M. Stein, 80

July 10, 1922 - Oct. 6, 2002

PORTSMOUTH – Helen Mary Stein was born to Helen Mary (Hainley) and Albert Anthony Leinen July 10, 1922, at Portsmouth. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church and was a graduate of St. Mary's Catholic School in Portsmouth.

Aug. 12, 1941, she married Carl Peter Stein at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima. To this union 14 children were born. After their wedding, they farmed in Shelby County for two years and then moved to a farm in Harrison County. They farmed there until January of 1948, when they moved to a farm southeast of Portsmouth. Following Carl's death, she continued to live on the farm until 1986 at which time she moved to her present home in Portsmouth. She was an active member of St. Mary's Parish. She was a Charter Member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court of St. Mary's of Portsmouth and Rosary Confraternity of St. Mary's. She also actively volunteered as leader of Cass Sunny Sues and the Portsmouth Super Production 4-H Club. She was selected to attend the National 4-H Council held during the World's Fair in Chicago, IL. She was awarded the Friend of 4-H Certificate of Appreciation for her many years of service to the organization. Additionally, she served as Secretary of Vocally Interested Parents for several years. An avid bowler until 2001, the family hosted a Stein Family Bowling Tournament for over 18 years, and were noted for being the only family to send two teams of brothers to the State of Iowa Bowling Tournament. She died Oct. 6, 2002, at her residence in Portsmouth, at age 80 years, two months and 26 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Carl, April 1, 1976; children, Robert C. Stein and Theresa Stein; grandsons, Mark A. Gross and Chris Stein; granddaughter-in-law, Stephanie Peterson-Stein; granddaughter, Laura A. Gross; sister, Dolores Schmitz; and brother-in-law, Vince Schmitz. She is survived by her children, Dorothy Gross of Council Bluffs; Alfred Stein (Jeanne) of Lansing; Jim Stein (Darla) of Storm Lake; Albert (Pete) Stein (Patty) of Portsmouth; Pat (Randy) Pash of Harlan; Carl Stein (Sandy) of Odessa, MO; Bill Stein of Thurman; Don Stein of Portsmouth; Ken Stein (Julie) of Portsmouth; Larry Stein (Carol) of Portsmouth; Paul Stein (Denise) of Griswold; Mary (John) Murtaugh of Wayne, NE; daughter-in-law, Pam Stein of Hemet, CA; 41 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; one sister, Mildred (Tony) Reing of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 9, 2002, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, with the Rev. Paul Bianchi celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth, with Jim Stein, Josh Murtaugh, Ben Stein, Andy Stein, Peter Stein, Adam Pash, Jeff Gross and Joel Stein casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

