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## **Helen Thies, 85**

*April 11, 1917 - Feb. 22, 2003*

**BOULDER, CO** – Helen Catherine Thies was born April 11, 1917, on a farm near Avoca the daughter of Alfred Thies and Clara Niemann Thies. She graduated from Avoca High School and attended Van Sant School of Business in Omaha, NE. While living in Skokie, IL, she worked for Marshall Field and Allstate Insurance Company. She moved to Boulder, CO in 1989 from Skokie and lived at Golden West Senior Residence. She was a member of the Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boulder, CO. She died Feb. 22, 2003, of natural causes at Boulder Manor Care Center, Boulder, CO, at age 85.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Clarence Thies, and two stepbrothers, Willard Reineke and Floyd Reineke. Survivors include a sister, Eleanor Vandeventer of Ames, and stepsister, Ione Jacobsen of Atlantic.

A memorial service was held March 15, 2003, at Boulder Manor Health Care Center, Boulder, CO. Burial was at Graceland Cemetery in Avoca June 21, 2003, with Rev. Dr. Judy Flanegin officiating. Pauley Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.