

**JOHNSTON, HELEN MERLE**

Birth

September 24, 1931, at  
Des Moines, Iowa



Death

August 14, 2005 at Iowa Health  
Hospice Taylor House

Cause of Death

Cancer



Cemetery Lot

Row 2, space 3 in the New Addition

Maiden Name

Lett

Father

Merle Eugene Lett

Mother

Helen Hassie Caruthers

Marriage

Helen Lett to Lester Verl Johnston on March 12, 1952 in Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa

Census

1940 – 2210, Fort Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa; ED77-7; Page 15A; May 1, 1940  
Family 823

Lett, Eugene M.	28	Janitor at school	MO
		Completed high school	
Helen H.	25		IA
		Completed 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of high school	
<b>Helen M.</b>	<b>07</b>		<b>IA</b>
Barbara H.	03		IA

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## Des Moines City Directory

- 1934 – Lett, Eugene M. (Helen) res ns King Ave 2 e So E 14<sup>th</sup>
- 1938 – Lett, Eugene M. (Helen) lab, res ns Park Ave 2 w So W 56<sup>th</sup>
- 1939 – Lett, Eugene M. (Helen) farmer, res Park Ave ns 2 w So W 56<sup>th</sup>
- 1940 – Lett, Eugene M. (Helen) lab, res ns Park Ave 2 w So W. 56<sup>th</sup>
- 1943 – Lett, Eugene M. (Helen) tooler US Rubber Co., res 600 13<sup>th</sup> , WDM
- 1944 – Lett, Eugene M. (Helen) employee US Rubber Co., res 600 13<sup>th</sup>, WDM
- 1946 – Lett, Eugene M. (Helen) driver Valley Ice& Coal Co., res 600 13<sup>th</sup> WDM
- 1947 –Lett, Eugene M. (Helen) clerk, res 2904 E. 38th

## Funeral Home

Hamilton's Southtown Funeral Home

## Obituary

[The Des Moines Register, Tuesday, August 16, 2005, Page 5B]

Helen Merle Johnston, 71, died Sunday, August 14, 2005 at the Iowa Health Hospice Taylor House from cancer. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Southtown Funeral Home with burial following at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Orilla.

Helen worked as a waitress at Riccelli's Supper Club for 23 years and loved to play bingo. She especially loved spending time with her eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She is survived by her two sons, Mike Johnston and Brian (Monica) Johnston both of Des Moines; her daughter, Barb Johnston (Don) of Des Moines; her sisters, Carol, Barb and Judy; and her brother, Art.

The family will greet friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the family.