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Helen McElvain, age 89 of Centerville, Iowa died Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at Golden Age Care Center, Centerville.

She was born November 1, 1922 in Centerville, Iowa, the daughter of Ralph and Violet (Woods) Shorts. Helen attended Centerville Schools and graduated from Centerville High School. She later earned her associate's degree from Centerville Community College.

Helen held numerous positions of employment throughout her working career. She worked as a secretary for both the CB&Q Railroad and Centerville Chamber of Commerce. Helen also worked at the Centerville National Bank. She dedicated many years working elections for the Appanoose County Republican Party. She married Paul Vernon McElvain on February 24, 1946 at the First Methodist Church in Centerville. After moving to the farm with her husband Paul, Helen was active in the YW Study Club, Farm Bureau, the Gideons, and was an active member of the Seymour Methodist Church.

Helen enjoyed several hobbies, including traveling, singing, gardening, flowers, crafts, reading, and church activities.

She is survived by her husband Paul McElvain of Centerville, Iowa; four children, Bonnie (Hugo) Keyner of Vail, Arizona, Terry (Janice) McElvain of Centerville, Iowa, John (Marcella) McElvain of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and James (Melinda) McElvain of Corydon, Iowa; son-in-law Arnt Hampton of McMinnville, TN; ten grandchildren, Jason (Wendy) McElvain of Centerville, Iowa, Jeremy McElvain of Centerville, Iowa, Jeff McElvain of Papillion, Nebraska, Chris (Kaley) McElvain of Homestead, Iowa, Darcie (Dan) Feller of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Jessica (Shawn) Panich of Evansville, Wisconsin, Skyler and Austin McElvain of Corydon, Iowa, Aaron (Gretchen) Hampton of Columbia, Tennessee, Kendall (Amanda) Hampton of Nashville, Tennessee; eight great grandchildren, RJ and Alyssa McElvain of Centerville, Iowa,



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Adalynn McElvain of Homestead, Iowa, Cole Feller of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Jessie, Luke, and Marianne Hampton of Columbia, Tennessee, and Emma Hampton of Nashville, Tennessee; and a sister Lola Shorts of Centerville, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a daughter Sandra Hampton.

Funeral services will be held 11 AM, Monday, January 30, 2012 at Lange Funeral Home in Centerville with Pastor Kay Singley officiating. A visitation will be held Sunday at Lange Funeral Home from 12-8 PM, with the family present from 6-8 Sunday evening. Interment will follow the funeral service in the Jerome Cemetery. Memorials have been established to the Seymour Methodist Church and may be given to Lange Funeral Home, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa, 52544. Condolences may be shared at www.langefh.com.

Visitation

January 29, 2012 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Lange Funeral Home 1900 S. 18th St. Centerville, IA (641) 856-2000

Funeral Service

January 30, 2012 11:00 AM

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 2:24 PM



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Anonymous posted:

We are very sorry about your mom, James. To the rest of the family, you have our deepest sympathy. Posted by The Lowes - numa, IA - friends February 01, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayer come out to the family, friends and community of Helen. She was a very sweet, caring and loving wife, mother, grandmother, friend and neighbor. God has taken yet another Angel home! Stay strong and God Bless you all! Posted by Richard & Margie Wells Stewart - Cincinnati, IA - friend January 30, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Helen's passing. Our prayers are with you in this time of loss. Posted by JeNel Allen Barth - Centerville, IA - Darcie's friend January 28, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Helen. Your whole family are in our thoughts and prayers and especially Paul who will indeed miss her very much. Posted by Jim and Virginia Berner - Waukee, IA January 28, 2012

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Anonymous posted:

So sorry to hear of Helen's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Love, Karen (McElvain) Vanderlinden and family Posted by Karen Vanderlinden - Chapel Hill, NC - niece January 27, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all it is sad times. We will all miss Helen greatly. We are so sorry that we will not be able to attend the funeralis But we will be with you in spirit. God bless you all. Our special prayers go out to Paul and you all. Posted by Kenny & Pam McElvain - Liberal, KS - nephew &I family January 27, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

John, I am sorry to hear of the passing of your mother, you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this time of loss. Posted by Kevin Rens - Council Bluffs, IA January 27, 2012

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