

# Obituary

## **Hazel Helen Forrester Stupplebeen** *1917-2014*

Hazel (or as family knew her, Helen) was born as the oldest child on February 10, 1917, to Oliver and Nora (Huffman) Forrester. She was born in a sod house in Thomas County, north of Stapleton, Nebraska. She passed from this life at the Callaway Good Life Center on December 7, 2014, at the age of 97.

She moved with her parents to Arnold, Nebraska, about 1925, where she joined the Arnold Methodist Church on Easter, 1932, and attended Arnold Public Schools, graduating in 1934. She taught school for two years in the Tryon, Nebraska, area in rural schools and for one year in the Pleasant Hill area. She attended college in Kearney for two years. She worked at various jobs in Arnold and Callaway following her college years.

Ralph Stupplebeen and Hazel Forrester married on April 20, 1940, at Kearney, Nebraska.

Ralph and Hazel made their home on a farm in the Pleasant Hill area between Arnold and Merna. They resided there and made a home for their two children.

Linda Rae Stupplebeen Dodge was born on January 2, 1944, and Barry Jay Stupplebeen was born on April 14, 1947.

Hazel enjoyed many many things during her life. Her greatest enjoyment was having five grandkids, and eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. She immensely enjoyed her friends and family. She worked for many years at the Hughes Drug Store. After it closed, she then worked part time for Pat Hagler in the Main Street Shop. She loved to read, play bridge and travel. She also remained as the Pleasant Hill correspondent for many years, only giving up the position when writing became a chore rather than a pleasure.

She and Ralph traveled south in the winters to spend time in McAllen, Texas. She enjoyed this experience for many years after Ralph had passed away.

She is survived by her children, Linda Rae Dodge of Callaway and Barry Jay Stupplebeen of rural Arnold, five grandchildren, James Dodge, Tyler and Brandon and daughter Breana; Joe (Janice) Dodge, Joseph, James and Jaclyn; Juli Dodge (James) Henry, Dillon and Katharina and Anthony Oliviere; Kristi Stupplebeen (Rich) Dvorak and Kacee; and Debbie Stupplebeen Cooper, Jay and Jaryn; brother Bob Forrester and wife, Sharon. Bob and Sharon were a great deal of comfort and help to Hazel during these later years. She also has nieces, Marla Fattig, Cindy Chesley, Janie Vogel, Laurie Anderson and Lee Greene and two nephews, Bruce Forrester and Brad Forrester.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph, her mother, Nora Huffman Forrester, her father, Oliver Forrester, her sisters, Ruth Miller, Pauline Harberts, Coralie Mazzone, a son-in-law, Larry Dodge, and grandson-in-law, Ted Cooper, and nephew, Johnny Odom.

She would have wanted everyone she loved to celebrate her life and not grieve as she was ready to be in a better place with the many who had preceded her. She had a love of God and was spiritually ready to join them.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., at the United Methodist Church in Arnold.

Burial will follow in the Arnold Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Asera Care Hospice, Callaway Good Life Center or Finch Memorial Library.

Arnold Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.