

Obituary

Helen Grace Perkins, daughter of Roland Edmond and Augusta (Krey) Baucom, was born on January 19, 1922, in Strahan, Iowa. She spent her early life in Strahan and on the farm near Farragut. She graduated from the Farragut High School with the Class of 1939. Helen served in the United States Marine Corps from 1943 through 1945. On September 14, 1946, she was united in marriage with Russell Ward Perkins in Shenandoah. They lived in Panama, Germany, Japan, Virginia, Louisiana and Kansas during Russell's military career before settling in Shenandoah. Helen was a homemaker but had worked at Henry Field's Seed and Nursery Company and most recently as a cook at McDonald's. She was a member of the American Legion Post #88, the American Legion Auxiliary and the V. F. W. She was a former member of Rose Hill Cemetery Board. Helen enjoyed collecting newspaper clippings of her family and being active in organizations. She was a well-meaning, hard working person who was always willing to help others.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, an infant son Charles and a brother Edmond Baucom. She is survived by her five children, son Don Perkins of Portland, Oregon, daughter Shelley Armstrong and husband Ken of Essex, Iowa, sons Bill Perkins of Columbia, Missouri, Bob Perkins and his wife Mary of Red Oak, Iowa, and Pat Perkins and his wife Vicki of Burkburnett, Texas; nine grandchildren Jason Armstrong, Nikki Bird, Jamie Armstrong, Kyle Perkins, Ryan Perkins, Chad Perkins, Chelsea Perkins, Shannon Perkins, Seana Perkins; three great-grandchildren Breanna and Brydget Bird and Elyzabeth Garner; three step-grandsons Jason and Jared Holland and Derrick Forrester. She is also survived by a sister Dorothy Rorebeck and her husband Bud of Shenandoah, Iowa, and two brothers, Ray Baucom and his wife Berniece of Stanton, Iowa, and Don Baucom and his wife Lola of Creston, Iowa, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.