

Obituary

Myrtle **Melissa** Carl was born on February 16, 1919, in rural Fremont County, Iowa, to Worth W. and Mabel (Gordon) Carl. She passed away after a short illness on January 24, 2003, at the Shenandoah Memorial Hospital in Shenandoah, Iowa. She graduated from Farragut High School where she played softball and basketball and was active in the music department. She represented the Farragut Schools at the State Championship Spelling Contest in Des Moines, Iowa, one year. She married **Ralph C. Helms** on October 4, 1939, in Sidney, Iowa. **Ralph** and **Myrtle** lived on farms in Missouri, Fremont and Page Counties in Iowa before moving to Shenandoah in 1957. **Myrtle** was employed by Henry Field Seed and Nursery Company for many years. **Myrtle** was a family-oriented person and her husband, children, sisters, brothers, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the main focus of her life. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star for many years, receiving her 50-year membership pin in 1989, and served as Worthy Matron of the Farragut Chapter. She was also active in 4-H, helping to form the Grant Peperettes 4-H Club and served as leader in the 1950's. She was a past member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary and Amvets Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband **Ralph**, who died in 1999; her parents; four sisters, **Fanny Louise Carl**, who died in infancy, **Alice Seddon**, **Ethel Moore** and **Marie Helms**, and a brother, **James F. Carl**. She leaves to mourn her passing her children, **Susan Glasgo** and husband **Ron**, Galena, Missouri; **Mary Boswell** and husband **Curt** of Elizabeth, Colorado; **Donald L. Helms** and wife **Bette** of Kisse Mills, Missouri; **Lynda Stewart** and husband **Dale** of Pleasant Hill, Missouri; **David** and wife **Lorely** of Shenandoah, Iowa; thirteen grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren; one sister **Marjorie Greever** of Sidney, Iowa; one brother **Robert Carl** and wife **Ruby** of Arvada, Colorado; and numerous nieces, nephews and other family and friends.