

Helen Bruels was born on August 14, 1910, the daughter of Frank and Teresa (Huebsch) Bruels in Bird Island, Minnesota. Her family homesteaded to the Berthold area, Ward County, when she was four years old, she was educated and graduated from Berthold High School in 1928.

She was employed at Roth's Market in Berthold, also the Minot Country Club, which was managed by Jim and Kate Hennessy in the earlier days.

On December 30, 1930, Helen was united in marriage to George Hennessy at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Berthold, ND. They farmed in the Lonetree/Berthold area and in 1942 they moved to a farm in Des Lacs Township, Ward County. In 1984, they retired from farming and moved into Berthold. George died on December 2, 1992.

Helen was a former member of St. Vincent Catholic Church in Des Lacs and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Berthold.

She served on the election board until she was 91 years old.

Helen enjoyed outside work and helped George on the farm and always had a large garden, in the later years she enjoyed her crafts, would have a booth at the craft shows, enjoyed playing cards and her tries at the casinos' and making caramel rolls. The family never knew when her and George would show up at their door with a pan of caramel rolls.

Helen moved into the Trinity Nursing Home in 2004.

Those Who Shared In Her Life:

Daughters: Louise (Jack) Berry, Minot; Elaine (Vick) Monico, Lakeville, MN; Sons: Francis (Jean) Hennessy, Berthold, George (Kathy) Hennessy, Onemia, MN, Gary (Lynn) Hennessy, Billings, MT. 21 grandchildren: Leslie Berry, Tim (Bobbi) Berry, Cathie (Russ) Johnson, Connie Berry, Laurie Berry, Steve (Ivy) Berry, Brent Berry, Dina (Kurt) Castor, Gino (Peggi) Monico, Jackie (Rod) Ulberg, Jim (Lori) Hennessy, Jodie (Kenny) Thomas, Jerry (Lynne) Hennessy, Jay (Karen) Hennessy, Julie (Shawn) Warkenthien, Jill Hennessy, Jennifer (Shane) Erickson, Dawn Hennessy, Paul (Amanda) Hennessy, Jessica (Dustin) Kallevig, Crystal Hennessy. 37 great-grandchildren and two step Great-grandchildren. 8 great-great grandchildren and one step great-great grandchild
Sisters: Mamie "Mae" Luke, Berthold, ND, Marion Salser, Glendora, CA and Terry Brekke, Minot; Sister-in-law, Sally Melland, Williston, ND
Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, husband George, son, Lyle, granddaughter, Deann, brothers Francis, Donald, Raymond, Vernon, sisters Dorothy Frank and Marcella Bruels; three brother-in-laws, Orv Frank, Bud Brekke and Ken Luke; one sister-in-law, Stella (Grant) Bruels.



*In Loving Memory
Of
Helen Hennessy
1910-2007*