



## Helen Houston

September 5, 1926 - August 21, 2008

Helen May, daughter of Nettie (Campbell) and Frank Schmitt was born on September 5, 1926 on a farm northwest of Alva. She passed away at the Alva Beadles Nursing Home on the 21st of August at the age of 81 years, 11 months and 16 days.

She attended the Farry School and graduated from high school with the class of 1945, and then she went to Beauty College at Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Miss Schmitt was married to Homer Houston, Jr. on February 10, 1951 at Capron. To their marriage, three daughters: Homa Lea, Lesa Mae and Dorothy Jean were born. Jr. passed away on July 18, 1996.

Following their marriage, they made their home in Dighton, Kansas. In April of 1959, they came to Hardtner, and she operated a beauty shop in her home for 50 years. In October of 2006 she came to Alva to make her home.

Helen loved to cook, work in the yard, sew, and make matching dresses for her daughters. She hand made quilts for her children, grandchildren and other special people.

Mrs. Houston was a member of the St. John's Community Church and the Stateline American Legion Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her parents-in-law, Homer Sr. and Nellie Houston, three sisters: Tessie Sandell, Rhoda Pearl Rosser, and Velma Snyder, a brother, Leo Schmitt and a brother-in-law, Gloyd Lyon.

Helen is survived by her three daughters: Homer Masters and Jerry Darger of Kiowa, Kansas, Lesa Schoeling of Alva, and Dot and her husband Rick Tyree of Hardtner, Kansas. Seven grandchildren: Meagan Masters, Brandon Masters and Lisa Woods, Jarred Tyree, Jessica Tyree and Brent Simmons, Jordan Tyree, Maggie and Morgan Schoeling and a great grandson, Dayton James Masters.

Six sisters: Goldie Lancaster, Dorothy Lyon, Katherina and her husband Maynard Arndt, Mary Schmitt, Margaret and her husband Larry Snow all of Alva, Eva Cleary of Summerville, South Carolina. A brother, Ed and his wife Alice Schmitt of Medford, a brother-in-law, Donald "Buck" Houston of Emporia, Kansas. A number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Contributions may be made in her memory to St. John's Community Church or to M.D. Associates in Honor of Dalton Black.

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# Tribute Wall

JN

“ *To the family:*

*I was so sorry to hear of you Mom's passing. I know that you girls and many others will miss her. You are in my prayers.*

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**Judy Nusser** - August 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *We have know this family and all of their relatives for a long long time. You won't find any better people. Homer, Lesa, Dot and everyone you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Trooper Jimmy & Julie (Davison) Helm** - August 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

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**Jay Don and Karibeth Hofen** - August 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ *Our sincere sympathy to your family at this time of your great loss. We thought Helen looked beautiful when we viewed her at Whartons. May all your memories bring comfort to you. God bless all of you.*

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**Virgil and Lavon Wiersig** - August 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ To all family~

*My heart is with you in this time of loss! I dearly loved your mom, mimi or whatever she was called to you. I know that the lord has taken her home where there is no more suffering. She loved her children with all she had. She also loved her grandchildren dearly. It was obvious the time I was around her. I am saddened by her passing but I know that she is now in good hands and I hope all of you know that. Every single one of you has been a part of my heart and today my heart is with you!*

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**Cher & Andy and family** - August 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *With Deepest Sypmathy to HomaLee, Lesa, and Dot and grandchildren. We have allot of fond memories of your Mother, She made the best fried chicken. We always enjoyed her at our get-togethers. We will miss her. Love: Louise and Glenn*

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**Glenn and Louise Schoeling** - August 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dot,

*We extend to you and your family our deepest sympathy in the loss of your mother. May you find comfort in knowing how proud she was of her girls. She expressed to me at Mercy Hospital how fulfilled her life was and how content she felt. Please know our prayers are with all of you. Bear & Susie Musae*

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**Jim (Bear) and Susie Musae** - August 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Margret & Dorthy so sorry to hear of your sisters passing. Mallory & I have all of your family in our prayers. Love your friends, mallory & Janette*

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**janette seevers** - August 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM