

Geneva F. Helstad

Hixton, WI

Geneva F. Helstad, 88, of Hixton, WI, went to her eternal home Wednesday, January 7, 2015, at Black River Memorial Hospital, Black River Falls, WI, while under the care of Black River Memorial Hospice. She was born July 29, 1926 in Greenwood, WI, to Archie and Rose (Schroeder) Marden.

Geneva was united in marriage to Orville Helstad on March 1, 1955 in Tuscon, Arizona.

She was a 1945 graduate of Black River Falls High School. Following high school, Geneva attended Luther Hospital School of Nursing in Eau Claire and graduated in 1948. She pursued her nursing career in Eau Claire prior to moving to Hixton. After moving to Hixton, Geneva worked at Black River Memorial Hospital for 31 years. Following her retirement, she worked part time at Pigeon Falls Nursing Home.

Geneva was actively involved in Squaw Creek Church groups, Christian Women Club, Shady Glen Sewing Club and Hixton-Taylor American Legion Auxiliary. She lived for her family and found lots of joy in her grandchildren.

Geneva is survived by her son, Michael (Gloria) Helstad of Hixton; daughter, Sandy (Randy) Simpson of Durham, North Carolina; grandchildren, Gina (Paul) Zastoupil of Tomah, WI, Nick (Lesley) Helstad of Hixton, Connor, Garrett, and Stephanie Simpson of Durham, North Carolina; great grandchildren, Mikey and Rachel Zastoupil, Parker, Jonathan, and Levi Helstad; sisters, Delores "Dolly" Hockmuth of Brodhead, WI and Bonnie Dickie of Black River Falls; foster sisters, Rose Klir of Mount Horeb, WI and Mary (Clarence) Curtis of Dodgeville, WI; brother-in-law, James Helstad of Eau Claire; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orville; parents, Archie and Rose; sister, Arlene; brothers, Raymond and Archie Marden, Jr..

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 10, 2015, 11:00 a.m., at Squaw Creek Lutheran Church, Black River Falls. Reverend Denise Anderson will be officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Family and friends are invited or visitation Friday, January 9, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., at Jensen-Modjeski Funeral Home, Hixton, WI, and also on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service at the church.

Jensen-Modjeski Funeral Home of Hixton is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences are available at www.jensenmodjeskifuneralhome.com.