



Helen L. Pettit

September 19, 1925 - February 9, 2009

Helen L. Pettit, 83, of Topeka passed away Monday, February 9, 2009 at Midland Hospice House. She was born September 19, 1925 in Ottumwa, IA, the daughter of George A. and Tella I. (Stuber) Eaton. Helen was a 1943 graduate of Ottumwa High School. She moved to Topeka in 1962, where she worked at several jobs, retiring from Sears in the late 1990's. She was a homemaker who enjoyed cooking, gardening and KU sports, but loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Helen married Carl O. Pettit in December, 1962 in Topeka. He preceded her in death in January of 2008. She was also preceded in death by a son, Jerome McGovern, a grandson, Kevin Williamson, a sister, Arlene Kitterman and a son-in-law, Lou Starkey. Survivors include three daughters, Carla Bowhay (David) of Netawaka, Paulette Williamson (John) and Diane Starkey, all of Topeka; grandchildren, Casey Engelken, Jeff Starkey, Jerry Starkey, Keith Williamson, Kelly Williamson, Kent Williamson and Becky Esopi; 9 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandson. Helen will lie in state after 4:30 p.m. today at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW. Urish Rd., Topeka, KS 66614, where a parish prayer service will begin at 5:00 p.m. The family will greet friends from 5:30 to 7 pm this evening at the funeral home. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at St. Matthews Catholic Church, 2700 SE. Virginia, Topeka, KS 66605, with burial to follow in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Midland PACE and sent in care of the funeral

home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen L. Pettit*

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss, Carla. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Todd Hiatt and Family - February 10, 2009 at 09:29 AM