

Obituaries



Helen Preston, 91

Helen Preston, 91, of Minford, died Saturday, May 5, 2007, at 11 p.m. at Heartland of Portsmouth.

She was born Jan. 8, 1916, in Madison Township, Scioto County. A daughter of the late Orel K. and Clara Herrmann Dever, she graduated from Minford High School in 1934, and she married Clarice Howard Preston in 1935.

She was a member of Minford United Methodist Church where she held various offices of the church. She and her late husband were the founders and operators of Minford Farm Supply until his death in 1953. She was a cook for Minford schools for 24 years, retiring in 1981. She was very active in the Minford Alumni Association and was a 1979 recipient of the Hall of Fame Award. She loved making quilts for her children and grandchildren and collecting antiques.

She is survived by a son, the Rev. Howard (JoAnn) Preston, of Cincinnati; a daughter, Delores (John) Gampp, of Minford; five grandchildren, Randall (Jonie) Preston, of Cincinnati, Michael (Nancy) Preston, of Franklin, Tenn., Deborah (Jeff) Krumpelman, of Cincinnati, Teresa (Jeff) Hayward, of Minford, and Mark (Brandy) Gampp, of Minford; 16 great-grandchildren, Daniel and Laura Preston, of Cincinnati, Jacob, Zachary, Kylie and Brooke Preston, of Franklin, Tenn., Stacey, Shelby and P.J. Krumpelman, of Cincinnati, Ashley, Melissa and Melinda Hayward, of Minford, Sagan, Caitlyn, Samantha and Andrea Gampp, of Minford. She also is survived by two sisters, Ethel Parkes, of Oak Hill, and Erma Buckle, of Lebanon, Ohio, formerly of Clarktown; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Clarice Howard Preston, April 20, 1953; and one sister, Dorothy Silvey.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at Minford United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Bennett Cemetery in Minford.

Friends may call at Erwin-Dodson-Allen Funeral Home in Minford from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and at the church one hour before the service on Wednesday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in the name of Helen Preston to Minford United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 171, Minford, OH 45653, and/or Heartland Hospice Services, 35 Bierly Road, Portsmouth, OH 45662.