



Helene Barratt, 79

May 10, 1926 - Sept. 2, 2005

OSCEOLA — Helene Mae Barratt, daughter of Harry Albert Wetzel and Helen Myrtle Wendt Wetzel, was born May 10, 1926, in Crawford County. She graduated from Irwin High School and later attended business classes in Nebraska.

February 4, 1949, Helene married Robert Bernard Barratt in Irwin. To this union a son, Robert, was born. She worked for Polk County Welfare Department in Des Moines, from 1969 to 1974. Later she worked at Furnas Electric from 1976 to 1986. She was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary, a volunteer at the Clarke Community Center and a volunteer reading tutor. Helene had lived in Osceola the past 51 years where she was a member of the First Christian Church. She died Sept. 2, 2005 at Kavanagh House in Des Moines at age 79 years.

Helene was preceded in death by her parents; her ex-husband, Robert; brother-in-law, Dennis Haugen; and a niece, Sheryl McGaffic. She is survived by her son, Robert Michael "Mike" Barratt of Osceola; three sisters, Alice Haugen of Kerrville, TX, Doris Mallernee (Jack) of Hereford AZ; Norma Griffin of Indianola; two brothers, Wilber Wetzel (Marcie) of Irwin and Harry Wetzel (Donna) of Irwin; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 7, 2005, at the Kale Funeral Home in Osceola, with Rev. Phil Coe officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin, with Rev. Ted Sieck officiating.