

## Helen Grau, 86

April 4, 1911 - Dec. 17, 1997

**ELGIN, IL** - Helen L.F. Grau, daughter of Paul and Tina Larson Klinkefus, was born April 4, 1911, in Irwin. She graduated from Irwin High School.

She married Walter Grau at the Methodist Church in Irwin. Two children were born to this union. They farmed in the Manilla area for a short time and then moved to Illinois where her husband worked on railroad construction. Walter died in 1961. She made her home in Huntley, IL for 30 years, where she was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ, and then had been a resident of Willow Lakes Estate in Elgin, IL, for the past nine years. She died Dec. 17, 1997, at the Lexington Care Center in Illinois.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Esther Ehrig and Bonnie Lewis; and four brothers, Ralph, Irwin, Paul and Roy Klinkefus. She is survived by her two children, Caryl (Dominic) Valenti of Chicago, IL and Gary Grau (Nancy) of Schaumburg, IL; four grandchildren; six great grandchildren; two sisters, Jessie Mayer of Colorado Springs, CO and Opal (Harold) Crabb of Yuca Valley, CA; and one brother, Bob Klinkefus (Hazel) of Panora; four sisters-in-law, Bernice Crouch, Irwin; Edna Mitzel, Manilla; Amanda Martens, Manning; Jan Grau, Stockton, CA; one brother-in-law, Ralph Grau of Manteca, CA and other relatives.

Graveside services were held Dec. 21, 1997, at the Manning Cemetery. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.