



Helen B. Kaufmann

April 9, 1919 - February 23, 2016

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TISKILWA — Helen B. Kaufmann, formerly of Tiskilwa, 96, died Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2016, at Colonial Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Princeton.

She was born April 9, 1919, in Wauseon, Ohio, to Ruth (Frey) and William Nafziger, the fifth of eight children. Of her birth family, she is survived by one brother, Glen Nafziger of Archbold, Ohio. Helen married John Kaufmann on Aug. 6, 1940, and to that union were born: Ruth Anne (Sidney) Sexton, Ilene (Richard) Brown, John (Jean) Kaufmann, Elizabeth (Dale) Scott, H. James (Lois) Kaufmann, Rachel Kaufmann, Christine (Pat Kemp) Kaufmann, Lois (Terry) Kaufmann-Hunsberger, Peter (Janet Zehr) Kaufmann, Phyllis (John) Horst, Phillip (Pamela) Kaufmann and Paul (Kim Espy) Kaufmann; 26 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

After John's death in May of 1970, Helen worked as the Tiskilwa librarian and traveled throughout the U.S. and abroad to India, Europe and Central America. She was a voluntary service worker for three years in Washington,

D.C., and Israel through the Mennonite Church, of which she was an active lifelong member. She served on the Tiskilwa School Board.

Helen married Roy Kauffman on Feb. 2, 1991, and added to her family: Susan Cater and George (Connie) Kauffman; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Roy preceded her in death in 2009.

She shared her love of music with her family and community. She enjoyed quilting, gardening, fishing, reading, games, and crossword puzzles. She had the gift of hospitality and was always ready to add another plate at the table.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 4, at the Norberg Memorial Home in Princeton. A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 5, at the Willow Springs Mennonite Church, rural Tiskilwa, with visitation beginning one hour prior to the service. Cremains will be buried at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to Willow Springs Mennonite Church or Menno Haven Camp and Retreat Center.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 9:30 AM (CT)

Willow Springs Mennonite Church
Tiskilwa, IL 61368

Service

MAR 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

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