

**Helen Elizabeth Unger**  
**September 2, 1918 - September 10, 2005**

Helen Elizabeth Unger, age 87 of Monroe, died on Saturday, September 10, 2005, after a 2-year battle with cancer, at her home. She was born on September 2, 1918, the daughter of William and Emma (Hartwig) Isely. Helen married Harrie Amans, and later married LaRoy F. Unger on August 18, 1959 in Monroe. Helen was employed by Utelco for 29 years while also farming with her husband LaRoy in Jordan Township. They retired to Monroe in 1987 where Helen continued working as a caregiver to both her husband and mother. Helen was a member of Washington Reformation United Church of Christ, and active with the church's Esther Circle in rural Monticello, also a member of the Utelco Pioneers.

Survivors include her daughter, Bette (Larry) Altensey of Freeport, Illinois; granddaughters, Robin (Beau) Moore of Brookfield, Barbara (Keith) Baron of Sandy Hook, Connecticut, Barri (Eric) Maaske of Glen Ellyn, Illinois; great-grandchildren, Jacob and Helaina Baron, Emma and Isaac Maaske; brother, Howard Isely of Monroe; sister, Betty Swiggum of Monroe. She is predeceased by her parents; husband, LaRoy; and son, William Amans; brothers, Arlie and Willis.

A celebration of Helen's life will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at Shriner-Hager-Gohlke Funeral Home, 1455 Mansion Drive, Monroe. Officiating will be Pastor Mary Gafner, of Washington Reformation United Church of Christ. A visitation will be held on that Thursday from 4:00 P.M. until time of service at 7:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund is being established in Helen's name.

*We will miss your jokes and sweet smiling face  
We were lucky to be sent with your grace  
We pray for you as you will watch down from above  
And wonder if you can see how much you are loved.*