



Helen C. Blankenship

April 26, 1926 - June 2, 2011

Helen C. Blankenship, age 85, of Fall River, Kansas, died Thursday, June 2, 2011 at her home. Helen was born on April 26, 1926 in Alma, Kansas the daughter of George William and Laura Ann (Schreiber) Thowe.

On November 29, 1959, in Wichita, Kansas Helen married Jack R. Blankenship, Helen and Jack were married for 51 years, Jack survives at their home.

Helen worked on her farm with her husband Jack, working in the fields and taking care of livestock. Helen was a member of the Fall River United Methodist Church, and active with the Methodist Women's group. When not working on the farm or taking care of her family and home, Helen was active with the Fredonia Promenade, Fall River 4-H Club, Fall River Booster Club, Fall River over 55ers, and the Square Stoppers out of Independence, Kansas.

In her spare time, Helen enjoyed sewing, quilting, and all types of stitch work. Most of all she enjoyed being with her family and cooking for them.

Survivors including her husband Jack are:

Four Sons:

Alex Blankenship of Independence, Kansas

Kim Blankenship of Valley Center, Kansas

Eric Blankenship of Wakarusa, Kansas

David Wolford of Fall River, Kansas

Two Daughters;

Jackie Hale of Liberty, Kansas

Melody Frazier of Wichita, Kansas

Brother:

Ralph Thowe of Wichita, Kansas

Sister:

Grace Hanser of Glen Carbon, Illinois

17 Grandchildren and 6 Great Grandchildren

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister Esther Socha, and two brother in laws Art Socha and Carl Hanser.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, June 8 2011 at 10:00 A.M. at the Fall River United Methodist Church with Pastor Susan Galvan officiating, with burial to follow at the Eureka City Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday, June 7, 2011 from 4-6 PM at Countryside Funeral Home in Fredonia. Memorials have been suggested to Hospice Care of Kansas, and may be left with the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com. Services have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 420 S. 20th St., P.O. Box

247, Fredonia, KS 66736