

Helen Shreve Massey, 402 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Lamar, died at Barton County Memorial Hospital after a short illness at the age of 98 years, 11 months, and 18 days.

Helen was born on a farm near Kenoma, MO, September 24, 1904. Her parents were James Losson Shreve and Susan Amanda McDonald Shreve.

After graduating from Lamar high School, she taught 6 years in the country schools of Barton County and one year in Polk County near Humansville, MO.

Helen obtained a B.S. Degree in Education at Southwest Missouri Teachers College in Springfield in 1935, by teaching in the winter and attending college in the summer. She worked toward a Masters Degree from Missouri University, Columbia, MO, and from Pittsburg State College, Pittsburg, Kansas. After graduating from college, Helen began teaching in the Lamar Elementary Schools and taught here for 13 years. She began teaching in the Joplin Public Schools in 1948 and retired in 1964 following a heart attack after teaching 16 years in the Primary Grades.

While teaching in Joplin, Helen was married to Claude Massey of Versailles, MO. on July 12, 1958, in Versailles

Helen was converted in the Kenoma Methodist Church at the age of 13 years. Her father was one of the founders of that church. After her mother's death, she came to Lamar to live and put her membership in the Lamar United Methodist Church, where she taught Bible School and Sunday School Classes and sang in the choir. While teaching in Joplin, she transferred her membership to the First Methodist Church on Byers Avenue, Joplin. After she retired from teaching, she moved her membership back to Lamar where it still is. Helen was a member of the United Methodist Women and of the Keystone Class. Helen's love was strong for the Lamar United Methodist Church and for all her Christian friends.

Preceding Helen in death besides her parents were her husband, Claude Massey, who died July 15, 1972; three sisters, Esther Shreve, Stella Shreve and Ruth Shreve Daetwyler and two brothers Dewey Shreve (killed in world War I) and William L. Shreve.

Survivors include two great nieces, Lynn Daetwyler and Kristin Daetwyler, Springdale, AR, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Helen was a former member of the Joplin Area Retired Teachers Association and the Lamar Retired Teachers Association.



**IN MEMORY OF**

***Helen Shreve Massey***

*September 24, 1904 September 11, 2003*

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

1:00 p.m. Monday, September 15, 2003

Lamar United Methodist Church

**OFFICIATING**

Rev. Tom Sullenger

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

“Take My Hand Precious Lord”

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Tom Theiman, Soloist

Judy Daniel, Organist

**PALLBEARERS**

Tom Shields Bob Noel Gerald Voorhees  
Ray Tubaugh Charles Curless Chris Elswick

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Raymond Leivan Jerry Dale

**AT REST**

Lake Cemetery