Her Legacy… Helen, 94, was born on November 14, 1917 in Riddle, Douglas County, Oregon, the fourth of six children born to James Marion Yokum and Laura Ellen Glasgow. She enjoyed a very happy childhood, her family banding together through difficult economic times after the death of her beloved "Papa" in 1927. After high school Helen and her sister June took a trip to California to visit their brother Gay. During this trip Helen decided to stay in Oroville where she met her future husband Cyril Olson. They were married soon after in Oroville on April 2, 1938 and had their first two children, David and Brenda. They eventually moved to Chico and subsequently arrived Dusty, Greg, and Karen. In 1951 the family joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints where Helen served in many positions of service in the church throughout her lifetime. Helen’s first love in life was her family, not just the living, but those who had died before. She was an avid genealogist and for over 60 years. She had researched and found hundreds of her ancestors as well as assisting others in their genealogical pursuits. After the death of her husband Cyril in 1985 she bought her house in Oroville and later took several genealogy trips with friends and family as well as serving a genealogical mission in Salt Lake City, UT at the age of 75. Helen was a great example for her family and friends and dearly loved by them all. Helen passed away peacefully at Oroville Hospital on Wednesday, February 16, 2012.

Her Family… Helen was preceded in death by her husband Cyril Olson, Brothers Gay and Bob Yokum, Sister June Morris, and eldest son David Olson. She is survived by her sisters Dorothy Bursatori of Winston, OR; Emogene Atherton of Roseburg, OR; four remaining children Brenda Durling of Oroville, Roger “Dusty” Olson of Chico, Gregory “Greg” Olson of Red Bluff, Karen Lower of Oroville, as well as 19 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren.

Her Farewell Service … A Viewing will be held at 9:00 am on Friday, February 24, 2012 with Funeral Service to start at 10:00 am at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Table Mountain Blvd. Oroville, CA. Following the Funeral Service a brief Burial service will be held at the Chico Cemetery where Helen will be laid to rest next to her beloved Cyril. Arrangements are entrusted to Oroville Funeral Home 530-533-0323.