



Velva Helm

February 2, 1903 - November 13, 2003

Ottumwa, Iowa

Memorial Service: 10:30 A.M. November 13, 2003 at Graveside service only at Helm Cemetery near Fremont, Iowa.

Velva M. Purdin Helm, age 100, formerly of R.R. #5, Ottumwa, died Thursday, November 13th, at the Ridgewood Care Center in Ottumwa. Graveside services and burial were held at 10:30 A.M. on Tuesday, November 18th, at Helm Cemetery near Fremont. No visitation was scheduled.

Mrs. Helm was born on February 2nd, 1903 in Sperry, Missouri to True and Cora Coppers Purdin. She was raised in the Fremont area. On April 21st, 1920 she was united in marriage to Rex Helm in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Velva and

Rex spent their lives farming in the Fremont and Ottumwa areas. She was a mother and mentor to many who passed through her door. She is survived by her son; William True Helm of Cedar Rapids, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, and a brother, Edward Purdin.