



## Helen Mae (Neal) Porter

April 22, 2009

Helen Mae (Neal) Porter

Age: 95 years

A resident of Vienna, IL and a native of Massac County, IL.

Passed away Wednesday evening, April 22, 2009, at 7:59 PM at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale, IL.

Helen Mae was born December 3, 1913 in St. Louis, Missouri. She was the daughter of Jim & Ethel (Simmons) Neal. Her parents were the longtime owners and operators of Neal's Menswear in Metropolis.

Helen Mae was united in marriage to Judge Robert B. Porter in 1954. He preceded her in death on November 23, 2000.

Survivors include:

2 Daughters -

Nancy Jane Porter, and her husband Wayne Wolf, of Atlanta, GA & Vienna, IL

Sarah Lynn Porter, and her husband Tom Watts, of New York City, NY

a Grandson - Alec Beauman Wolf

a Sister-in-Law - Phyllis Neal of Indianapolis, IN and Metropolis, IL

a Nephew - Pat Neal of Indianapolis, IN

In addition to her Parents & Husband, Helen Mae was preceded in death by:

a Daughter - Ann Neal Porter

a Brother - J. Paul Neal

Helen Mae was a graduate of Metropolis High School. In her youth, she enjoyed athletic pursuits and played tennis, rode horses, and was a strong swimmer. She once rescued her future husband from a swimming mishap in Kentucky Lake.

She was employed as a bookkeeper for the Metropolis Power & Light Co. She was a former board member of the First National Bank in Metropolis, IL.

Helen Mae was a faithful member of the Vienna First United Methodist Church, until failing health prevented her regular attendance. She loved music and played the piano

by ear. Helen Mae was a "perfect pitch" whistler. She enjoyed gardening, flowers,

and bird watching. For many years, Helen Mae was an active member of a weekly ladies bridge club.

Funeral services will be held Monday morning, April 27, 2009, at 10 AM at the Vienna First United Methodist Church.

Burial will be in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery.

Friends may call after 5 PM Sunday at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Vienna First United Methodist Church, PO Box

1349,

Vienna, IL 62995 or to the Vienna Carnegie Public Library, P.O. Box 616,  
Vienna, IL 62995.

# Tribute Wall



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