



## Helen Roberta Giese

February 19, 1922 - January 1, 2011

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Downs-Helen Roberta Giese, 88, of Downs, passed away at 6:51 pm on Monday, Jan. 10, 2011 at Advocate BroMenn Regional Medical Center in Normal.

Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 14, 2011 at Kibler-Smith Memorial Home in Bloomington. Rev. Kurt Flora will officiate. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the funeral home on Friday. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Saybrook. Memorial contributions may be made to Illinois Wesleyan University or the Community Cancer Center.

Helen was born on February 19, 1922 at Elliot, IL., to John G and Bertha M. (Bever) Jacobs. She married Elmer Edward Giese on January 29, 1948 in Bloomington. He preceded her in death on March 16, 2010.

Surviving are four children; Douglas (Carol) Giese of Fisherville, KY, David Giese of Downs, Linda Giese of Bloomington and Donald Giese of Normal, five grandchildren, four great grandchildren; two nieces; special friend, Lucy Cole and her pets, Hopper, G.J and Samantha.

Helen and her brother were one of the first babies born caesarean birth in central Illinois and they were mentioned in a national medical magazine article.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Ralph H. Jacobs.

She graduated from Illinois Wesleyan in 1943. Helen was a member of the Sigma Kappa Sorority where she was house president and on the Pan Hellenic Council. She was also involved in the Spanish club and the Woman's League. She was a biology/science teacher at the schools in Stanford and Auburn before starting a family.

She was one of the first to raise and sell pure bred Siamese cats in this area and around the United States. Helen belonged to the National Cat Fanciers Association.

Although Helen and Elmer endured many surgeries and illnesses in their lives, they persevered courageously. They are now united in Heaven as they should be with loved ones surrounding them.

Her greatest care giver was her son David. They thoroughly enjoyed their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren immensely. She will surely be missed.

A special thanks to Dr. Pramern Sriratana for his skill and care that he provided. Also,

thank you to James Wallace for the many transports that he provided for her.  
Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.kiblersmith.com](http://www.kiblersmith.com)