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SOUTH BEND — Helen Jackson Holden, 96, passed away on Saturday, April 24, 2010, at the Preston Health Center in Hilton Head, S.C. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Joseph F. Borda Jr. of Washington, D.C., and her second husband, James F. Holden. Her memorial service will be May 22nd at All Saints Episcopal Church in Hilton Head at 2 p.m.

The second daughter of William Walter and Sally Maude Jackson, she was born at home in Hinton, W.Va., in 1914. Her older sister, Evelyn, was born in 1907, and her younger sister, Jane, was born in 1921. The Jackson family attended the First United Methodist Church in Hinton.

“Jackey” Jackson attended the College of William & Mary and West Virginia University and subsequently accepted an offer of employment from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the mid-1930s. She worked for the Dean of Harvard Law School, James M. Landis, during the war when he was in Washington serving as national director of the U.S. Office of Civilian Defense.

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