

Bernice Louise Andersen, 71

July 17, 1925 - May 7, 1997

HARLAN - Bernice Louise Andersen was born in Carberry, Manitoba, Canada July 17, 1925, daughter of Charles and Louisa Heiman Sweet. She was one of three children in the family. At age two and a half the family returned to Avoca to make their home. She attended school in Avoca and graduated in 1942. Following her graduation, she worked for the Journal-Herald Newspaper in Avoca.

She married Herman Andersen May 2, 1947 in Avoca. They continued to make their home in Avoca where she worked for Wendt Produce, the Fiscus Nursing Home and for over 30 years worked as a cook at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Avoca. They were the parents of four children, Pam, Steve, Deb. and Kim. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and much of her time was spent with her family and grandchildren. The past three and a half years they have made their home in Harlan. She died at St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha, May 7, 1997, at age 71 years, nine months and 20 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Melvin and Marion. She is survived by her husband, Herman of Harlan; their four children, Pam Riche (Bret) of Martinez, CA; Steve Andersen (Gari) of Omaha; Deb Oliver (Steve) of Dysart; Kim Krohn (Dale) of Avoca; 12 grandchildren; four great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 10, 1997 at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Pastor Paul Bengston and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Darren Krohn, Quinn Riche, Jill Krohn, Brian Krohn, Brigitte Riche, Meghan Andersen, Keenan Andersen, Nick Andersen, Beau Riche and Jenna Oliver. Casket bearers were Jim Andersen, Daryle Bailey, Ben Oliver, Robert A. Kixmiller, Austin Oliver and Randy Williams. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.