

## Roma Arndt, 72

Oct. 5, 1924 - June 15, 1997

**WALNUT** - Roma LaVonne Arndt was born near Hancock, Oct. 5, 1924, daughter of Harry and Ella Pendergrast Lehnhardt. She was one of two children in the family. She attended several schools in the area and graduated from Lewis High School in 1942. She attended Iowa Teachers College in Cedar Falls, and graduated with a teaching certificate. She taught in several schools in the area. She was proud of the fact that she received her pilot's license in 1946.

She married Erwin Arndt July 10, 1948, in Oakland. They moved to Kennan, WI and Roma continued to teach. They then returned to Iowa, first living in Co. Bluffs and then in 1951 they moved to Walnut. They were the parents of one daughter, Karen. She operated the Electrical Shop in Walnut for over 35 years. She was very active in the community. She served on the city council and was mayor of Walnut from 1966 to 1968. She was the author of the Walnut Memoirs. She was a member of the Walnut Federated Club, the Armet Auxiliary, Walnut Republican Womens Club and was a past member of the Eastern Star. She died at St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha, June 15, 1997, at age 72 years, eight months and 10 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her son-in-law, Terry DeWinter, and a granddaughter, April DeWinter. She is survived by her husband, Erwin Arndt; their daughter, Karen DeWinter of Waukee; one granddaughter, Andrea DeWinter, and one brother, Stanley Lehnhardt (Sue) of Dallas, TX, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 19, 1997, at the Peace United Church of Christ with Pastor Doris Ruben officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Casket bearers were Teddy Johnk, Joe Peterson, Dennis Akers, Donald Bauerkemper, Dennis Book, Richard Henningsen, Ron Hansen and Gene Eblen. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.