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Mary Boeck, 70 Oct. 6, 1939 - Oct. 13, 2009

AVOCA — Mary Elizabeth Boeck was born on October 6, 1939 to Arnold and Laura (Prichard) Ackart in Avoca. She attended Avoca Schools and graduated with the Class of 1957.

Mary was united in marriage to Larry Lee Boeck on August 9, 1957 at the United Lutheran Church in Shelby. Four children were born to this union: Rose, Julie, Marge, and Jim. Mary worked at the Embers Restaurant in Shelby and at the Kopper Kettle in Minden. She also worked at Tillie's Café before owning and operating her own restaurant, Mary's Kitchen. Mary loved her job in the Shelby School cafeteria and had enjoyed working with the people while at Hy-Vee in Harlan.



She was the secretary at First Lutheran Church in Shelby and did volunteer work at the Union Pacific Railroad Museum in Council Bluffs, after her retirement in 2000. Mary became a resident of the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center in December of 2007 and it was there that she died on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, having attained the age of seventy years and seven days.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband Larry, her parents, her brothers and sisters: James, Frances, Harold, Arlene, and Dorothy. She is survived by her children: Rose and her husband John Seffron of Ralston, NE, Julie and her husband Mark Jensen of Walnut, Marge and her husband Rick Newland of Portsmouth, and Jim Boeck and his wife Georgia of Shelby; thirteen

grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sisters Betty Parham of Monticello, MN and Karen and her husband Gary Parker of Adel; brother Levi Ackart and his wife Janice of Greene; and sisters-in-law Alice Jo Ackart of Waterloo, and Bonita Ackart of Sunrise Beach, MO; other family members and many friends.

Pastor Duane Anunson conducted the 11:00 AM funeral service on Monday, November 30, 2009, at the United Lutheran Church in Shelby. Inurnment was held at the Shelby Cemetery.



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