Marian Bowersox, 73

June 9, 1929 - Sept. 3, 2002

WALNUT – Marian Frances Dick Bowersox was born in Fremont, NE, June 9, 1929, named for her father, Marion, and her mother, Frances, she was born only a few months before the Great Depression. She was joined by a brother, John, two years later. The family lived in Fremont, and she met her future husband, Franklin Lewis Bowersox, when she was 15. They wrote to each other for 5 1/2 years, while he was away at Annapolis Naval Academy. Meanwhile she graduated from Fremont Senior High in 1947, and went to Wayne State College. Severe homesickness forced her to come back to Fremont, where she continued her education at Midland Lutheran College.

In 1951, after 7 1/2 semesters of college, she eloped with Franklin, who was home on leave from the Navy. Marrying a serviceman meant travel, so they moved often. Their first child, Mary Frances, was born in 1952. Their son, Franklin Jr., followed in 1955, and daughter, Katherine, was born in 1962. Her husband, Franklin, died in 1967, so Marian and her family moved back to Fremont. She moved to Peace Haven Retirement Home in Walnut, in 1996, where she lived until her death. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital Sept. 3, 2002, at age 73 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marion and Frances Dick; her husband, Franklin Lewis; and her son, Franklin, Jr. She is survived by her daughter, Mary Frances (Jerald) Spoonhour of Avoca, and their children, Robert, Erich, Sarah and Kelley; daughter, Katherine (Rick) Knutson of Avoca, and their daughter, Keisha; 10 great grandchildren and a brother, John Dick (Alice) of Fremont, NE.

Funeral services were held Sept. 6, 2002, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel, Avoca, with Pastor Denny Peterson officiating. Burial was in the Fremont Memorial Cemetery, Fremont, NE, with Rev. Don Stoebner officiating. Casket bearers were Jerry Spoonhour, Robert Spoonhour, Sarah Tiska, Keisha Knutson, Rick Knutson, Erich Spoonhour and Kelly McCurdy.