

Karla Carroll, 91

Sept. 23, 1906 - Aug. 28, 1998

AVOCA - Karla Eliese Carroll was born in Fairview Township in Shelby County Sept. 23, 1906, the daughter of Henry and Marie Cordes Priester, and was one of five children in the family. When she was four years old, her family moved from their farm in Shelby County to their farm north of Avoca. She attended the Avoca High School and graduated in 1925. She taught country school for four years and since her parents were in ill health, she stayed at home and cared for them.

She married Lawrence P. Carroll Jan. 22, 1931. After her parents' death, they continued to live on the family farm. In 1978 they retired and moved to Avoca. Lawrence died June 29, 1987. Karla was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca. She became a resident of Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center in 1988. She died at the center Aug. 28, 1998, at age 91 years, 11 months and five days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lawrence; three sisters, Henrietta Stender, Elsa Priester and Alma McKinley; and by a brother, Ferdinand Priester. She is survived by her nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Aug. 31, 1998, at the Knutson Funeral Home in Avoca, with Father LaVern Wingert officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were Larry Feekes, Dalmer Lorenzen, Bill Dea, Eugene Sornsen, Charles Kock and Anthony Wingert.