

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Ruth Christensen, 88

March 29, 1919 - Oct. 22, 2007

AVOCA — Ruth Virginia Christensen, daughter of Ralph and Karolina (Dethlefs) Brown, was born in James Township, March 29, 1919. She was baptized and confirmed in the Avoca Lutheran Church. Ruth attended school in the Hancock area. After her schooling she was employed by the Hancock Telephone Company.

Ruth married Milton "Chris" Christensen Aug. 31, 1974, in the Little Brown Church at Nashua. After their marriage they moved to Huntington, WV, where Milton was employed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. They remained there until his retirement in 1989. They moved back to the Avoca area in 1991. She died Oct. 22, 2007, at the Avoca Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Avoca, at age 88 years, six months and 23 days.

Ruth is preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Elmer Piittmann; her second husband, Chris; sister, Esther Neighbors; and brothers, Kenneth, Wilbert and Lawrence Brown. She is survived by her sister, Dorothy Hildebrand of Hancock; her sister in law, Eleanor Brown of Avoca; nieces and nephews; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 24, 2007, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home, Avoca Chapel, with Deacon David Gobeli of the Hancock United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery at Hancock. Honorary casket bearers were Randy Brown and Darrell Dreager. Casket bearers were Gary Brown, Doug Brown, Mike Harris, Greg Brown, James Brown and Rick Brown.