

Florence Coe, 92

June 26, 1908 – July 6, 2000

AVOCA – Florence Luella Coe was born June 26, 1908, at Hancock, daughter of Charles W. and Ida W. Felker LeRette, and was one of eight children in the family. She attended school in Hancock, and graduated in 1926.

She married Richard Coe May 26, 1928, in Co. Bluffs. They were the parents of two children, Norma Jean and Edward Richard. They lived in Portland, OR, for a short time and then returned to Hancock. In 1933, they moved to Avoca. After getting her certificate to teach from Cedar Falls Extension School in Audubon, she taught for one year in Lincoln Township. She was also employed in the office of the Avoca Creamery from 1955 to 1965. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge of Hancock, the United Church of Avoca, various organizations of the church, crochet club and various card clubs. They spent winters in Phoenix, AZ, starting in 1982 until 1988. Richard died June 15, 1989, and she lived in their home in Avoca until August of 1994, when she became a resident of the Montclair Nursing Center in Omaha, NE. She died July 6, 2000, at Nebraska Methodist Hospital in Omaha, at age 92 years and 10 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Richard; and four brothers, Ernest, Lester, Clarence and Herbert. She is survived by her daughter, Norma Jean (Dean) Allgood of Omaha; her son, Richard Coe (Inga) of Phoenix, AZ; seven grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; two brothers, Bob LeRette of Omaha and Charles LeRette (Ida Lou) of Dubuque; a sister, Irene Loughlin of Chicago, IL; five sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 11, 2000, at the United Church of Avoca with Rev. Will Bynagte officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Hancock. Casket bearers were Steven True, Scott True, Dennis Canarsky, Rick Coe, Greg Coe and Tim Hart. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.