

Yvonne Dollen, 87

March 24, 1918 - Dec. 31, 2005

MINDEN — Yvonne Dorothy Dollen, daughter of Adolph and Dorothea Groepper Ehlers, was born March 24, 1918 in Minden. She grew up in the Minden and Shelby areas where she, her parents and her three sisters lived on a farm. After school she worked at the Iowa School for the Deaf.

Yvonne married LaVerne (Bud) Dollen June 13, 1948 in Council Bluffs. To this union two children were born, Roger LaVerne and Darla Jean. Together they lived on a farm near Oakland until 1957 and later moved to Minden. Yvonne worked at the Minden School Cafeteria for many years. After the death of her husband, she went to work for 26 years at MercyHospitalinCouncil Bluffs, in food service, retiring in 1991. She sold her home inMinden and moved to the Minden Senior Apartments where she remained until an illness took her to the Avoca Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in October 2005. Until moving to the nursing home, she remained very active. She was active in her church, the United Church of Christ in Minden and she was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for over 50 years. Yvonne died at the Avoca Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Dec. 31, 2005 at age 87 years; nine months and seven days.

Yvonne is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sisters, Helen Ewing and Alma Edwards; and son-in-law, George Richard Englert, Jr. She is survived by her children, Roger Dollen (Brenda) of Avoca and Darla Englert of Houston, TX; one grandson, George Richard "Trey" Englert, III of Houston, TX; and one sister, Bernice Ehlers of Shelby and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 6, 2006 at the Minden United Church of Christ with Pastor Brian Wohlhuter officiating. Casket bearers were Randy Lamp, Harold Bintz, Tim Ploen, Roger Wulff, Eric Schneckloff and Heath Lamp. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.