

Elsie M. Gardiner, 76

AVOCA – Elsie M. Gardiner was born in Dunlap, June 5, 1914. She was the daughter of Charles and Martha Bosche Gessman. She was one of three children in the family. She made her home in Avoca where she worked for the Avoca Creamery as an egg candler and also worked as a cook in the Sportsman Cafe and the Steakhouse. She was a member of the United Church of Avoca. She became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in 1989. She died at the Baptist Home Dec. 16, 1990 at age 76 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors are her children, Charles Gardiner (Mary) of Olathe, KS.; Richard Gardiner (Patty) of Portland, OR.; Barbara (Richard) Morris of Co. Bluffs; Donald Gardiner of Riverside, CA., and Virginia (Roger) Thayer of Odebolt; 11 grandchildren; 2 step-grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; one brother, Donald Gessman (Bette) of Manilla; and one sister, Bernice (Carl) Hummor of Corona, CA., besides nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 20, 1990 at the United Church of Avoca with burial at the Nishna Botna Twp. cemetery at Manilla. Dr. Robert Houser, officiating. Knutson Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.