

Bernice Marie Hansen, 91

AVOCA - Bernice Marie Hansen was born on a farm west of Walnut April 24, 1899. She was the daughter of Peter and Patrea Nelsen Paulsen. She was one of five children in the family. She attended country school and also the College in Elk Horn, where she was confirmed in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church.

She married Alfred J. Hansen, Dec. 14, 1921 in Avoca. They lived on several farms in the Walnut and Hancock areas until moving to the Hansen family farm in 1943. They were the parents of one daughter, Phyllis. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. Alfred died Feb. 5, 1978. She was able to remain in her own home until 1985 when she became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital, Dec. 11, 1990 at age 91 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Alfred; three sisters, Mildred Anderson, Hattie Harding and Myrtle Johnson, and one brother, Herbert Paulsen. Survivors are her daughter, Phyllis (Richard) Sievers of Walnut; two granddaughters; and one great-grandson and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 14, 1990 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca with Pastor Dean Sudman, officiating and Mr. Wayne Paulsen, Lay Assistant. Burial was in the Walnut cemetery with Richard Sievers, James Leinhardt, Lowell Andersen, Harry Hansen, JR., Harley Ploen and John Harding as casketbearers. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.