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Vera Elizabeth Holtz, 77 -Oct. 2, 1915 - Feb. 17, 1993

AVOCA — Vera Elizabeth Holtz was born Oct. 2, 1915 in Shelby county. She was the daughter of Harry and Emma Loy Scott and was one of six children in the family. She was baptized and confirmed in the First Luthean Church in Avoca and presently was an active member of the Trinity Lutheran Church. She attended country school and graduated from the Avoca High School.

She married Ivan Woltmann July 28, 1937. They were the parents of four children: Phyllis, Mariann, JoAnn, and Kenneth. They began farming near Corley and later moved to a farm southeast of Avoca. Ivan died May 15, 1950 and she and the children remained on the farm. She also worked in Avoca at Berthusen Furniture and Hardware and at the Avoca Creamery.

She married Alvin Holtz Aug. 4, 1962. She was active in the church as a member of Christian Service, the Senior Choir and E.L.C. Women's Group. She was a past Sunday school teacher as well as a 4-H Leader, Alvin died March 2, 1991. She died suddenly at Myrtue Hospital in Harlan, Feb. 17, 1993, at age 77 years, 4 months and 15 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, and a sister, Ina Harris. Survivors are her four children: Phyllis (Wayne) Krohn of Avoca; Mariann (Roy) Plautz of Noblesville, IN.; Joann (Marty) Schuemann of Avoca and Kenneth Woltmann (Linda) of Avoca; two stepchildren, Leroy Holtz of Akron, OH.; and Shirley (Stanley) Petersen of Omaha, NE.; 8 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and 3 step-grandsons; a brother, Howard Scott (Orlene) of Avoca; three sisters, Viola Scott of Avoca; Esther Scott of Elk Horn; and Margaret Plagman of Audubon; many sister-in-laws and brother-inlaws, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral Services were held Feb. 20, 1993 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca with burial in the Graceland cemetery in Avoca. Pastor Dean Sudman and Mr Wayne Paulsen, Lay Assistant, officiating. Knutson Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.