

Louise Hagedorn, 97

Sept. 21, 1901 – April 30, 1999

AVOCA – Louise Marie Hagedorn was born Sept. 21, 1901, in James Township of Pottawattamie County, daughter of Emil and Julia Bleich Stroebele and was one of three children in the family. She attended country school.

She married Herman Hagedorn Feb. 14, 1921. They lived in a home across the road from her birthplace until 1944 when they moved to Avoca. They were the parents of two daughters, Vernetta and Alberta. In the late 1940's she moved in with her daughter, Vernetta and Chuck and their family. She did housekeeping and ironing for various families throughout her lifetime. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. He died Feb. 22, 1965. She moved to Omaha with her daughter, Vernetta and her family in 1962 and lived there until 1997. In May of 1997 she moved to the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center in Avoca. She died at the Center April 30, 1999, at age 97 years, seven months and nine days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Herman; two daughters, Vernetta Herd and Alberta Krieger; and two brothers, Clarence and Art Stroebele. She is survived by her son-in-law, Charles Herd of Omaha; six grandchildren, Ron Herd of Omaha; Dennis Herd (Cynthia) of Omaha; Donna (Terry) Zahm of Valpariso, IN; Debra Mitchell and Karen Herd, both of Omaha and Susan (Wayne) Martin of Shelby; 11 great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 5, 1999, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel, Avoca, with Mr. Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Bill Zahm, Joe Zahm, Ehren Herd, Perry Martin, T. J. Zahm, Kevin Mitchell and Doug Martin. Casket bearers were Wayne Martin, Dennis Herd, Dave Rihner, Dan Rihner, Ron Herd and Steve Yates.