

Mertie Herrick, 76

Jan. 23, 1926 – July 18, 2002

AVOCA – Mertie Mae Herrick was born Jan. 23, 1926, at Winterset, one of four children born to Roy and Martha Egy Cunningham. She graduated from Winterset High School with the Class of 1944.

Mertie married Fred L. Herrick Dec. 6, 1941, at Bethany, MO. They were the parents of six children, Robert, Sharon, Richard, Mary, Patti and Lorri. She was a homemaker and helped her husband in the hatchery that they owned together. She was an active member of the United Church of Christ and was a member of the United Church Women. She was also a member of the Knox Project Club. She died July 18, 2002, at Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, NE, at age 76 years, five months and 25 days.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred; a son, Robert; her parents and two brothers, Hugh and Eugene Cunningham. She is survived by her children, Sharon (Kenneth) Brundige of Irwin; Richard (Kathy) Herrick of Charles City; Mary (Jim) Strong of Omaha, NE; Patti (Michael) Anderson of Avoca and Lorri (Tom) Putman of Joplin, MO; one sister, Doris Hill of Winterset; 11 grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 22, 2002, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel with Mr. Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Esther Dea, Mary Lechtenberger, Bobbie Paulsen, Phyllis Sievers, Sondra Dea, Amy Pattee, Dorothy Perfect, Carolyn Spencer, Sandy Hocken, Kathleen Pattee, Helen Plahn and Meta Steffen. Casket bearers were Alex Strong, Andrea Strong, Jason Herrick, Ethan Putman, Andrew Herrick, Justin Herrick and Adam Herrick.