

Bette Hogeland, 74

Jan. 1, 1927 – Nov. 24, 2001

AVOCA – Bette Elaine Hogeland was born Jan. 1, 1927, on a farm near Botna, the daughter of Glenn and Mabel Brown Fairchild, and was one of six children in the family. She attended school in Audubon and Atlantic. She was employed at Farmer's and later at Pexton Drug in Harlan.

She married V.E. "Ernie" Hogeland Nov. 22, 1948, at the Bethel Baptist Church in Harlan at a double ceremony with her sister, Bonnie, and her husband, Elmer Mandelkow. Bette and Ernie are the parents of five children. Rodney, Roxanne, Rojeane, Rhonda and Robin. She was a charter member of the Avoca Federated Club and was president for the first two years. She was a member of the United Church of Avoca and the Legion Auxiliary. She died Nov. 24, 2001, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 74 years, 10 months and 23 days.

Bette was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters and brothers, Alice Swensen, Dorothy Collins, Bonnie Mandelkow, Kenneth Fairchild and Marvin Fairchild. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Ernie of Avoca; her son, Rodney (Shirley) Hogeland of Omaha, NE; her daughters, Roxanne (Jim) Hester of Lincoln, NE; Rojeanne (Bruce) Martin of Hancock; Rhonda Warner of Omaha and her fiance, Jim Ryan of Lincoln; and Robin (Jim) Rittenberger of Omaha; nine grandchildren, John "Rob" Kress III, Stacey, Steven and Jillian Hester, Kimberly Martin, Rebecca and Suzanne Warner, Woody and Tate Rittenberger, one brother-in-law, Larry Collins; two sisters-in-law, Fran Fairchild and Mary Fairchild; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 28, 2001, at the United Church of Avoca with Lay Minister Mr. Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were Roger Swensen, Steve Mandelkow, Ed Flemming, David Fairchild, Curtis Swensen, Mike Fairchild and Doug Stumbo. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.