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Alta Karstens, 84

July 15, 1915 - March 29, 2000

AVOCA - Alta Julia Karstens was born July 15, 1915, at Avoca, daughter of Ernest and Bertha Niemann Karstens and was one of three children in the family. She attended school in Avoca and graduated from the Avoca High School. She was employed in the payroll department of the Kilpatricks/Youngers Department Store in Omaha, NE, for nearly 40 years, retiring in 1985. She was actively involved in the American Red Cross as a volunteer and she was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Avoca. She died March 29, 2000, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE, at age 84 years, eight months and 14 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Allen Karstens, and a sister, Viola Dinges. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Lena Mae Karstens of Jackson, MS; her nephew, Dr. Allen Karstens, Jr. (Laurie) of Hattiesburg, MS; a niece, Shirley (Robert) Reynolds of Brentwood, TN; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 4, 2000, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Pastor John Rinde officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were Dave Niemann and Gary Krummel. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.