

Alice Koch, 86

May 14, 1913 - May 12, 2000

AVOCA – Alice Minnie Koch was born May 14, 1913 in York Township, Pottawattamie County, south of Neola. Daughter of Henry and Minnie Hartje Koch, she was one of five children in the family. She attended country school, completing the eighth grade. She then helped on the family farm. She came to Avoca Aug. 15, 1939 to work for John and Emma Taylor. Feb. 1, 1942, she became employed by the Dick Brown family and was with them until the fall of 1964, when she purchased her first home. In 1982, she built and moved to a new home in Avoca. Although she had no children of her own, Alice was considered a "Special Mom and Grandma" by all of the Brown children.

She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Avoca and its Women's Association and she served on the Altar Guild for many years. She became a resident of the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center May 12, 1999. She died at the center May 12, 2000 at age 86 years, 11 months and 28 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Esther Trede. She is survived by two sisters; Hazel (Donald) Trede, of Neola and Lucille Zach of Co. Bluffs, one brother, John Koch (Vonda) of Neola, "special children"; Doug Brown (Cheryl) of Avoca and Madelyn (Charles) Gleeson of Blair, NE, six "special grandchildren", nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 15, 2000, at the Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor John Rinde and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in St. Paul's cemetery, Treynor. Honorary casket bearers were: Kenneth Woltmann, Robert Brown, Milo Burnham, Wallace Pattee, Dave Niemann, Wilbert Brown, Charles Pattee, and John Pattee. Casket bearers were: Richard Brown, Julie Brown, Charlene Ryan, James Gleeson, Kathryn Cummings and Michael Gleeson. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.