

Alice Kraetsch, 79

Oct. 26, 1931 - March 26, 2011

OAKLAND — Alice Irene Kraetsch, daughter of Clarence and Meta (Bornholdt) Zimmerman, was born on October 26, 1931, in Avoca, and was baptized and confirmed at the Presbyterian church in Avoca. She attended Avoca grade school and graduated from Avoca High School with the class of 1949.



Alice worked at Mutual until her marriage to Norval Kraetsch on March 13, 1954 in Luverne, MN. One daughter, Rojene, was born to this union. Alice and Norval made their home in Avoca after they were married. Alice worked at the Avoca Creamery until the family moved to Harlan. While in Harlan, she worked in the kitchen at the Harlan School, a job she really enjoyed. When the family moved to Council Bluffs, Alice began selling Avon which she continued to do for the next ten years. She loved getting to visit and socialize with others and she was known to always be full of laughter and smiles. Alice enjoyed bowling with family and friends, as well as going out to eat Chinese food. She loved shopping and being surrounded by the mall atmosphere. In 1979, the family moved to Oakland where Norval worked for several years with local car dealerships. Alice worked at Morphy Drug for nearly seven years as a "pick-it" lady. In 2002, Alice and Norval both became residents of Risen Son Christian Village in Council Bluffs, and this is where Alice died on Saturday, March 26, 2011, having attained the age of seventy-nine years and five months.

In addition to her parents, Alice was preceded in death by her husband Norval and brother William Zimmerman. She is survived by her daughter Rojene Grigg and her husband Jim of Council Bluffs; granddaughter Rachelle Kayl and her husband Mike, and grandchildren Dakota and Montana all of Plato, MO; brother Elmer Zimmerman and his wife Nancy of Fishers, IN; and sister-in-law Audrey Zimmerman of Avoca; nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Pastor Nancy Ross-Hullinger officiated the 11:00 a.m. graveside service at Graceland Cemetery in Avoca on Saturday, April 2, 2011.

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