

Lenora Lawrence, 93

Aug. 20, 1905 - Aug. 26, 1998

AVOCA - Lenora Josephine Lawrence, daughter of Michael and Josephine Meier Stoiz, was the eighth of 13 children, born Aug. 20, 1905, in Portsmouth. She attended school in Westphalia, where she was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith. After her parents died, Lenora lived with family members until 1957.

She married Arthur Carpenter of Des Moines in 1957. In 1962, Arthur died and Lenora moved to Marshalltown, where she met and married Anthony M. Lawrence. After his death in 1969, she continued to live in Marshalltown. In 1986, she became a resident of the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center in Avoca, to be near relatives. She died at the center Aug. 29, 1998, at age 93 years and nine days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Arthur Carpenter and Anthony Lawrence; six sisters, Lena Sierk, Matilda Carroll, Mary Patten, Rose Kohles, Ann Roecker and Helen Engel, and by three brothers, Frank, George and Bernard. She is survived by her sisters, Margaret Roecker of Harlan, Lavina Roecker of Schleswig and Eva Roberson of Granite City, IL, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Sept. 2, 1998, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel in Avoca, with Deacon Clarence Christensen of St. Mary's Catholic Church officiating. Burial was in the Riverside Cemetery in Marshalltown.