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Alma Marie McKinley, 97 ✓

Oct. 9, 1897 - Aug. 7, 1995

Avoca - Alma Marie McKinley was born Oct. 9, 1897 on a farm outside of Avoca. She was the daughter of Henry and Marie Cordes Priester and was one of five children in the family. She attended school in Avoca and graduated from Avoca High School in 1913, after which she taught country school.

She married Robert F. McKinley in Jan. of 1920 in Avoca. They were the parents of one daughter, Betty. She worked much of her life at the Avoca State Bank, the Creamery, the Style Shop, the Bakery and the Theater, all in Avoca. He died in 1947. She was a member of the United Church of Avoca and the women's organization of the church. She also was a member of the local Bridge Clubs. She became a resident of Colonial Manors Nursing Home in Avoca in Sept. of 1983. She died at the Colonial Manors Nursing Home Aug. 7, 1995 at age 97 years, 9 months and 29 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Elsie Priester and Henrietta Stender and a brother, Ferdinand Priester. She is survived by her daughter, Betty Roberts of Omaha; three grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and one great great granddaughter; a sister, Karla Carroll of Avoca and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 10, 1995 at the Knutson Funeral Chapel with Pastor Will Bynagte officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were Kenneth Osbahr, Terry Peters, Gary Osbahr and Ernest Wendt.