

Neva Manz, 84

July 6, 1930 - Dec. 17, 2014

AVOCA — Neva Jean was born on July 6, 1930 to Glenn and Hazel (Franklin Hardenbergh) Babbitt at home in Cass County. Neva came from a large family, she was one of 11 children. She went to Cass County and Shelby County Country Schools. While in high school she played basketball. She graduated in 1948 from Shelby High School, Shelby.

Neva married Lee Manz on January 22, 1950 at the Shelby Methodist Church in Shelby. They were blessed with 6 children. Dennis (died in infancy), Ronda, Larry, Coleen, Karen, and Sherry. Neva and Lee moved to

Avoca in 1993 and retired from farming in 1998. Neva enjoyed all sports and enthusiastically attended her grandchildren's activities. She was a person of many talents, China painting being one of her best. She painted tea sets, plates and Christmas ornaments. She was a member of the Corner Attic, Shelby Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women.

Neva was preceded in death by her parents Glenn and Hazel Babbitt; son Dennis; siblings: Hubert, Darlene, Doris, Clara, Bud, Velma, and Dean. She is survived by her husband Lee Manz of Avoca; son Larry (Deb) Manz of Avoca; daughters Ronda (Craig) Davis of Shelby; Coleen (Chuck) Schumacher of Shelby; Karen (Delbert) Turner of Johnston; Sherry (Trevor) Pfaff of Raytown, MO; sister Hyla Nash of Atlantic; brothers: Bill (Maye) Babbitt of Avoca and Dell (Sharon) Babbitt of Estes Park, CO; 18 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren, and two on the way.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Orris Drake at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca on Monday December 22, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. Interment was held at Shelby Cemetery in Shelby with Jim Davis, Gregory Turner, Michael Schumacher, Curtis Schumacher, Chad Manz and Jason Manz serving as casket bearers.



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