

Alice Morris, 83

March 12, 1916 – May 31, 1999

AVOCA – Alice Evelyn Morris was born March 12, 1916, at Red Oak, daughter of William and Helen Conn McMichael. She was the oldest of seven children. She attended school in Red Oak, where she completed part of her freshman year before having to quit to help take care of the younger children. She worked at the Johnson House Hotel in Red Oak.

She married Richard G. Morris Oct. 21, 1939. They were the parents of two children, Barbara Ellen and Richard Michael. Alice's husband, Richard, was killed in an automobile accident in Nevada in February 1970. They had been married for 30 years. Alice was co-owner and operator of the Chatterbox Café in Avoca, the Avoca Day Care now resides in that building. She retired from the café in 1983 after 15 years of working there. She died May 31, 1999, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 83 years, two months and 19 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Richard G.; her son, Richard M.; her brothers, Russell and Howard McMichael; and two granddaughters, Loretta Becker and Jennifer Befort. She is survived by her daughter, Barbara (Maurice) Befort of Avoca; daughter-in-law, Barbara Morris of Co. Bluffs; grandsons, Darren Becker (Kaylee) of Avoca; Greg Becker (Teri) of Omaha; Steve Becker (Angela) of Prairie City; Richard Morris II (Kara) of Lombard, IL; and Kevin Petersen of Des Moines; and granddaughters, Cindi (Pat) Guldán of Bartlett, IL and Sue Mills of Des Moines; six great grandsons; two great granddaughters; brothers, Eugene McMichael (Kathryn) of Marionville, MO and Albert McMichael of Avoca; sisters, Phyllis Baker of Omaha and Mary (Ray) LeBell of Kankakee, IL; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 3, 1999, at the Knutson Funeral Home with Rev. Will Bynagte officiating. Burial was in the Carson Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Richard Morris II, Kevin Petersen, Jim Smith and Guy Delby. Casket bearers were Darren Becker, Steve Becker, Russel McMichael, Greg Becker, Arlen Reuter and Harry Hansen.