

Frances E. Nelson, 89

Sept. 16, 1907 - Nov. 14, 1996

AVOCA - Frances Elizabeth Nelson was born Sept. 16, 1907, at Casey, the fifth of nine children born to Roger and Grace James Williams. She attended school in Casey and later taught country school.

She married Harold Nelson Jan. 26, 1930, in Casey. They were the parents of four children, David, LaVere, Louene and Darlene. They farmed in Guthrie and Audubon Counties before moving to the Avoca, Shelby, Harlan and Wiota areas. After the death of her husband, Harold, Dec. 4, 1959, she returned to the Avoca area. She worked for several years at Pattee Insurance. She was active in Auxillary, V.F.W., business women and various other social organizations. She was confirmed in the Lutheran faith and was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and an active member of the ladies auxiliary. She died at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Avoca Nov. 14, 1996, at age 89 years, one month and 28 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harold; five brothers, one sister and one son-in-law, Irwin Andersen. She is survived by her four children, David Nelson (Margie) of Oakland; LaVere Andersen of Avoca; Louene (Ronald) Palmer of Clara City, MN and Darlene (Marlin) Andersen of Avoca; 10 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren; one brother, Ralph Williams of Pigeon Forge, TN and one sister, Gladys Herriott of Guthrie Center; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 18, 1996, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Pastor Paul Bengtson and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Dalmanutha Cemetery, Casey. Honorary casket bearers were Terry Gleaves, Brian Kimping, Mark Aust. Casket bearers were Brian Boeck, David Nelson, Jim Young, Rod Andersen, Harold Nelson and Todd Palmer. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.