

Sarah Ruth Newcomb, 72

May 11, 1924 - May 16, 1996

AVOCA - Sarah Ruth Newcomb was born May 11, 1924 in Owensboro, KY. She was the daughter of Monroe W. "Doc" and Iva Willingham Newmann and was one of eight children in the family. Following the death of her father, she was raised by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Willingham of Emmetsburg. She graduated from Emmetsburg High School in 1942.

She married Melvin Newcomb Feb. 4, 1949 at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. They were the parents of a son, Timothy. They lived in the Spencer area prior to moving to Avoca in 1965. He was in business for himself, hauling sand and gravel and she was the bookkeeper for the business, which Tim has now taken over. She was a member of the Avoca American Legion Auxiliary and the United Church of Avoca. She died at her home in Avoca May 16, 1996 at age 72 years and five days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four sisters, Louise, Allene and Naomi Newmann and Dorothy Smith, and a brother, Edison Newmann. She is survived by her husband, Melvin; her son, Timothy (Sarah Lynn) Newcomb of Avoca; three grandchildren; one great granddaughter; two sisters, Esther Mattiesen of Curlew and Polly Colonel of Fort Worth, TX; brother and sister-in-laws, Faye Willett; Irving (Betty) Carlson; Jack (Marge) Fairchild; Bob (Saundra) Newcomb and Roy (Shirley) Newcomb; nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held May 20, 1996 at the Graceland Cemetery with Pastor Will Bynagte officiating. Casket bearers were Frank Zech, Brent Newcomb, Harlin Wallace, Jon Carlson, Brian Newcomb and Dean Wallace. Krutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.