

Marilyn Nielsen, 78

July 26, 1934 - Dec. 12, 2012

AVOCA — Marilyn Mae Nielsen was born on July 26, 1934 in rural Corley, to Walter and Henrietta (Ingwers) Scheel. She attended country school at Fairview Township and graduated from Harlan High School with the Class of 1952.

Marilyn met Donald V. Nielsen at a Polka Dance in Corley. Shortly after she graduated, the two were united in marriage on March 24, 1953 in Council Bluffs. The couple moved to a farm east of Avoca and three children were born to this union: Dennis, Debra, and Duane. Don farmed and Marilyn was right along side him, whether it was helping clean chicken houses or hauling corn, the two were inseparable. Marilyn enjoyed gardening, Christmas, antiquing and crafts, watching



the Lawrence Welk Show on Saturday nights, as well as collecting angels and porcelain dolls. She loved being a grandmother and great-grandmother and planning fun activities, like big Easter Egg hunts, for the grandkids. In January of 1994, the couple moved into town. Together, they played cards with friends and attended family gatherings. Marilyn died at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 having attained the age of 78 years, 4 months and 16 days.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Arlene Buck. She is survived by her husband of nearly 60 years, Donald V. Nielsen of Avoca; sons, Dennis Nielsen and his wife Margie of Elmwood, NE and Duane Nielsen and his wife Kristi of Avoca; daughter, Debra and her husband Keith Hotze of Macedonia; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sisters, Betty and her husband Delno Holtz of Avoca and Carolyn and her husband Tom Morris of Council Bluffs; brother, Robert Scheel and his wife Donna of Jacksonville; nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Pastor Eric Meissner officiated the 10:30 a.m. funeral service at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca on Saturday, December 15, 2012. Honorary casket bearers were Ron and Norma Krohn, Margie Barton, and Louie and Lois Troll. Interment was held in the Graceland Cemetery in Avoca with Keith Holtz, Roger Aughe, David Day, Ron Buck, Gail Brockman, and Dean Klein serving as casket bearers.

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