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## Wilma Oehlertz, 80

*May 20, 1921 – July 28, 2001*

**AVOCA** – Wilma Jeannette Oehlertz was born May 20, 1921, in Pleasant Township, near Avoca. She was the daughter of Carl and Lena Krummel Krieger and was one of two children in the family.

She married Robert Stevens of Hancock Jan. 21, 1942. They were the parents of three children, Robert, Dennis and Barbara. They farmed southwest of Avoca. They retired from farming and moved to Avoca in 1978. Robert died June 25, 1980.

Wilma married Norman Oehlertz Aug. 16, 1988. Norman died Dec. 29, 1988. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Avoca, the Neighborhood Club of which she was a member for 60 years, and was a member of a Euchre Club. She was also a member of the Avoca Legion Auxiliary. Wilma died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital July 28, 2001, at age 80 years, seven months and eight days.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husbands, Robert and Norman. She is survived by her children, Robert Stevens (Lana) of Council Bluffs; Dennis Stevens of Avoca and Barb Sampson (Walt) of Walnut; four grandchildren; three great grandchildren; her sister, Larene Rose (Eugene) of Pratt, KS; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 1, 2001, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Pastor John Rinde and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Herb Stearns, Joe Torres, Willis Krummel and Delbert Krummel. Casket bearers were Dawn Breaman, Melissa Stevens, Chris Paulsen, Brian Langer, Rob Sampson and Larry Grego. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.