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## **Ruth Reinert, 91**

*Sept. 2, 1911 - July 29, 2003*

**AVOCA** – Ruth Adeline Reinert was born Sept. 2, 1911, at Plattsmouth, NE, the daughter of William D. and Dollie S. Stull Smith, and was one of three children in the family. She grew up in Omaha, attending schools there and graduating from Omaha Tech. She then attended college for two years.

Ruth married Gervase T. Reinert Oct. 1, 1938, in Omaha, NE. They were the parents of one daughter, Jayne. They moved to Avoca in 1939, where Dr. Reinert established his dental practice. Ruth became interested in the privately funded library and was assistant librarian from 1947 to 1959. She was then voted secretary of the Avoca Public Library Board when the town took the library over and continued to assist there until 1981. She was on the planning committee for the new building and was also involved when the addition was built. In 1973, she was given a 25 year award by the American Red Cross for the volunteer service she provided. She was also a volunteer nurses aide for the Red Cross during World War II. Dr. Reinert died Sept. 8, 1981. Ruth was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, instrumental in bringing the church history up to date in 1971. She was a member of the Reserve Officers' Ladies Clubs of the U.S., an active member of the Second Infantry Division Auxiliary and a member of Questers International. She lived in her home in Avoca until 2001, when she moved to Amelia House in Council Bluffs. It was there she died July 29, 2003, at age 91 years, 10 months and 27 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Gervase; two brothers, Harold and Floyd Smith; and by her son-in-law, Louis DeMarco. She is survived by her daughter, Jayne DeMarco of Omaha, NE; a grandson, David DeMarco of Omaha; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 1, 2003, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca, with Father John Frost and Father Dennis Stolinski concelebrants officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Wilbert Brown, Ed Pattee, Doug Moore, Mick Denning, Willis Maassen and Darren Weis. Casket bearers were Ed Weis, Matt Kouri, Bill Ramacciotti, Rod Weis, Roger McGargill and Robert Ortman. Pauley Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.