

## June Rihner, 80

*Jan. 23, 1919 - Sept. 28, 1999*

**AVOCA** - June Jeanette Rihner was born Jan. 23, 1919, on a farm near Jacksonville, daughter of Herman and Blanche Elsberry Hess. She was one of eight children born into this union. She attended rural country school in Jackson Township and graduated from Harlan High School in 1937. She taught in country school in Shelby County before attending AIB Business School in Des Moines. She was employed as a bookkeeper in Capital City Bank of Des Moines and later in the Harlan State Bank.

She married Philip Rihner April 16, 1949. They farmed near Avoca until 1954, when they moved to Peru, NE, where Phil attended college. After 1958, they lived in various Iowa towns where Phil was a teacher and a coach. In 1971, the couple retired to Clio, and after Phil's death, June returned to Avoca where she has made her home for the past 12 years. She was a member of the United Church of Avoca. She died suddenly at her home in Avoca, Sept. 28, 1999, at age 80 years, eight months and five days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Philip, and four brothers. She is survived by her two daughters, Shirley (David) Welander of Pomeroy and Karen (Michael) Roe of Lenexa, KS; five grandchildren, Kristen and Lisa Roe and John David, Sean and Chris Welander; one sister, Dorothy (Raymond) Nielsen of Hamlin; two brothers, Verdell Hess of Page, AZ and Kenneth Hess of Audubon and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 4, 1999, at the United Church of Avoca with Rev. Will Bynagte officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Hancock. Casket bearers were Paul Nielsen, Glenn Hess, Scott Hess, David Rihner, Rod Rihner and Dale Griffith. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.