

Eloise Rock, 92

Dec. 3, 1912 - Sept. 22, 2005

AVOCA — Eloise Mildred Guensche Rock was born the third of five children in Valley Township, four miles south of Avoca, Dec. 3, 1912, to Charlie and Dora Voss Guensche. She attended country school and went to Hancock High School through the 10th grade.

She helped on the farm until she married Arnold Rock Feb. 18, 1931. They made their home on a farm two miles southwest of Avoca next to Arnold's parents and brothers, Leo and Carl. To this union one son, Herbert, was born. They farmed there until 1951, moving to Avoca to live with and care for Arnold's aging father, Henry V. Rock, until Henry died in 1956. Eloise also cared for her ailing mother, Dora, at the same time. After Henry's death, Arnold and Eloise purchased the Henry and Bertha Rock home where they lived until Arnold went to the Avoca Nursing Home in 1990. After Arnold's death, Eloise lived and entertained in the same home alone until her aging curtailed her ability to keep house, garden and entertain. She then moved to Avoca Lodge Assisted Living Feb. 27, 2003, residing there until July 20, 2005, when she moved to the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center where she died Sept. 22, 2005, at age 92.

Eloise was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Arnold; her sisters, Hazel Bauer Bramman and Minnie Nielsen; and two brothers, Raymond Guensche and an infant brother. She is survived by her son, Herbert (Patricia); grandchildren, Dr. Eileen Rock (Dr. Thomas) Stalder; Dr. Frederick Rock (Alexandra); Police Lt. William Rock (Evy); Dr. Mary Rock (Tom) Moore; 10 great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Funeral services were held Sept. 26, 2005, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, with Pastor John Rinde officiating. Casket bearers were Brady Hess, Tiarra Hess, David Stalder, Daniel Stalder, Jessica Hiatt, Ben Stalder, Jane Rock, Billy Rock, Jr., Christopher Rock and Catherine Rock. Knutson Family Chapel in charge of arrangements.