

Margaret Russell, 100

Feb. 14, 1906 - Jan. 31, 2007

AVOCA — Margaret Lucille Russell was born in Chicago, IL, Feb. 14, 1906, daughter of Frank and Catherine (Coan) Russell and was one of two children in the family. She attended school in Avoca and graduated with the class of 1924. Margaret taught in rural schools in Shelby and Pottawattamie County for 29 years and then taught in the Avoca Public School system for 14 years, retiring in 1971. She received all college credits from either Cedar Falls or Drake University. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Avoca, where she taught catechism for many years. She felt very honored when she was chosen to be one of the readers at the Papal Mass in Des Moines Oct. 4, 1979. She was also a member of the Business Women's Club and a member of other card clubs. She died Jan. 31, 2007, at Myrtue Medical Center at age 100 years, 11 months and 17 days.

Besides her parents, Margaret is preceded in death by her sister, Dorothy. She is survived by her cousins, Shirley Pace of Omaha, NE, and Helen (Bernard) Vitt of Independence, MO; special friend, Barb Butcher of Avoca; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Feb. 3, 2007, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca, with Rev. Paul Monahan celebrant. Casket bearers were Jim Hansen, Terry Kuhr, Greg Petersen, Rex Eichelberger, Alan Sieh and Rich Price. Honorary casket bearers were Mick Denning and Tony Wingert. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca, in charge of arrangements.
