

Alma Anna Schaaf, 94

AVOCA - Alma Anna Schaaf was born Sept. 3, 1895 on a farm in Fairview twp., Shelby co. She was the daughter of Nicolaus and Minnie Reimers Karstens and was one of two daughters in the family. She attended a rural school in Shelby Co., and in 1910 moved to Avoca with her parents, where she finished her education in the Avoca Public School. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith at an early age.

She married Arthur Schaaf Jan. 12, 1915. They were the parents of two sons, Mervin and LaVerne. They made their home on the Schaaf family farm southeast of Avoca, where Arthur died May 25, 1932. She continued to live on the farm until Aug. of 1943, when she moved into Avoca. In Sept. of 1977, she moved to the Peace Haven Retirement Home in Walnut and lived there until July of 1983, when she moved to the Colonial Manors Nursing Home in Avoca.

She was a faithful member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, and an active member of the women's organization of the church, serving as president of the Women's Christian Service for many years. She died May 27, 1990 at the Colonial Manors Nursing Home at age 94 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur; her parents and one sister, Ella Johnson. Survivors include two sons, Mervin of Avoca; and LaVerne of Dexter; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson and many relatives.

Services were held May 29, 1990 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca with Pastor Dean Sudman officiating and Mr Wayne Paulsen as lay assistant. Casketbearers were Harry Burmeister, Kenneth Schaaf, Jeff Swartz, Vernon Karstens, Ernest Mohr and Adam Caraher. Burial was in Graceland cemetery in Avoca.