

Viola C. Schmitt, 75

AVOCA - Viola Christine Schmitt was born to Chris and Jensine Mortensen on a farm southeast of Avoca, March 16, 1913. She was baptized and confirmed in the English Lutheran Church in Avoca. She attended Valley # 8 school and Avoca High School, where she graduated - Class of 1931.

She married Elmer Schmitt in the English Lutheran Church, Avoca, Dec. 5, 1932. They lived on a farm east of Hancock, where she was raised. They farmed here for all but six years, when they lived in Marion. They retired to their home in Avoca in 1986. She was instrumental in the formation of the Nishna Heritage Museum in Oakland, where many of the Schmitt's antiques are an exhibit.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant brother and two other brothers, Clarence and Raymond. She is survived by her husband, Elmer; daughter, Janet Myers of Omaha, Ne; son Wayne Schmitt of Forest Lake, MN; four grandchildren; a nephew, Gerald Mortensen and brother-in-law, Kenneth Petersen.

Services were held Feb. 1, 1989 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca with Pastor Dean Sudman officiating. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery, Avoca with honorary bearers Kenneth Brown, Daryl (Chris) Paulsen, Frank Maassen, Clifford Fischer, Kenneth Martin, Lloyd Davis, James Andersen, Delbert King and casket bearers were Wylie King, Richard Brown, Richard Petersen, Doyce Hildebrand, Dale Kardell and Daryle Bailey. Berthusen Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.