

Helen Marjorie Sondergard, 92

Dec. 19, 1901 - July 25, 1994

Avoca - Helen Marjorie Sondergard was born in Fairview Township, Shelby County, Dec. 19, 1901, the daughter of William and Pearle Jackson Nelson. She attended school in Harlan and graduated in 1919. She taught country school for several years.

She married John Sondergard June 30, 1924 at Oakland. They made their home in Avoca, where John operated Chrysler-Plymouth garage. They were the parents of three children; Jack, Donna and Norma. She was a member of the United Church of Avoca. John died Aug. 4, 1980. The past several years she has been a resident of the Colonial Manors Nursing Home in Avoca. She died at Colonial Manors Nursing Home July 25, 1994 at age 92 years, 7 months and 6 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, John and several brothers and sisters. Survivors are her children; Jack Sondergard (Marianne) of Kalamazoo, MI, Donna Wagner of Omaha, NE, Norma (L.S. "Strat") Eichelberger of Avoca, 9 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, 3 sisters; Virginia Johnson, Dorothy Herkenrath and Gloria (Farney) Shively and a brother, Robert Nelson, all living in Boulder City, NV, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 28, 1994 at the United Church of Avoca with Rev. Will Bynagle officiating. Burial was in the Graceland cemetery in Avoca. Casket bearers were Dalmer Lorenzen, Jerry Mez, Lloyd Petersen, Charles Rutenbeck, Robert Jensen and Phil Phelps.