

Dorothy A. Stevens, 76

Aug. 6, 1920 - Dec. 28, 1996

AVOCA - Dorothy Ann Stevens was born in Pottawattamie County Aug. 6, 1920, daughter of Edward and Caroline Bergman Wise. She was one of seven children in that family. She graduated from Shelby High School in 1939.

She married James Stevens in Avoca, Nov. 24, 1943. They lived and farmed near Hancock until 1944, when they moved to a farm north of Avoca. They were the parents of two daughters; Marjorie and Betty. He died Aug. 9, 1981. She then moved to Avoca in 1981. She worked as a cook at the Embers, Colonial Manors Nursing Home, the Parkway and the Coffee Kup Cafe, all in Avoca. She died suddenly at Mercy Hospital in Co. Bluffs Dec. 28, 1996 at age 76 years, 4 months and 22 days.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, James, three sisters; Katherine Kohlscheen, Margaret Allen and Mildred Hayhurst, and a brother, Joe Wise. She is survived by her daughters; Marjorie (Bill) Christensen of Co. Bluffs and Betty Loveless also of Co. Bluffs; three grandchildren; two sisters; Mary Klindt of Harlan, and Eleanor (Wilbert) Brown of Avoca, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 31, 1996 at St. Mary's Catholic church, Avoca with Fr. Fred Reischl officiating. Burial was in the Graceland cemetery. Casket bearers were: Ed Wise, Dale Klindt, Jim Eckerman, Jan Flemming, Gary Brown and Randy Brown. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.