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## **Phyllis Sievers, 81**

*Nov. 11, 1925 - Aug. 16, 2007*

**WALNUT** — Phyllis Elaine Sievers was born Nov. 11, 1925, in rural Shelby County, the daughter of Alfred and Bernice (Poulsen) Hansen. She was baptized at the English Lutheran Church in Avoca. She attended country school at Layton Township and graduated from Walnut High School in 1943. After school, she worked at Nick George's Red and White Store where she met Richard Sievers who was working as the bookkeeper for the Walnut Fruit and Grocery Store, where she then later worked.

Phyllis married Richard Dec. 25, 1945, at the English Lutheran Church in Avoca. They were the parents of two daughters, Diane and Patricia. The family lived on her parents farm west of Walnut until 1954 when they moved to a farm south of Avoca. In 1961, they moved to their present home southeast of Walnut. She later sold Avon products door to door. She was a lifetime member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, where she was very active in Ladies Aid and Family Fellowship. She was a member of the Knox Project Club in Avoca for over 40 years. She died Aug. 16, 2007, at Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic, at age 81 years, nine months and five days.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Richard, of rural Walnut; her two daughter, Diane Sievers of South Deerfield, MA, and Patricia Lehnhardt (James) of Galena, IL; a grandson, Aaron Lehnhardt (Priscilla) and their daughter, Nyaa of Mission Viejo, CA; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 21, 2007, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, with Pastor Dennis Reich and Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Layton Township Cemetery in Walnut, with Howard and Ardis Bangston honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Jack Ploen, Jeff Bornholdt, Allan Sievers, John L. Harding, Harry R. Hansen and Lowell Andersen. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.