

Ruth Stolz, 87

Sept. 2, 1910 - Sept. 18, 1997

HARLAN - Ruth Angeline Stolz, daughter of Charles Lafayette and Reta Mary (Coffin) Smith, was born Sept. 2, 1910, in Stickney, SD. She attended school in Emerson and Harlan, and moved to Harlan in 1927.

Nov. 16, 1930, in Harlan, she married Henry W. Stolz. The couple lived in Harlan, where she was a homemaker and a member of the Cardinal Hill Birthday Club of North Harlan. He died in Des Moines, Aug. 9, 1983. She became a resident of the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center in Avoca, in April, 1994. She died Sept. 18, 1997, at the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center at age 87 years and 16 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Henry W. Stolz; one son, Richard C. Stolz; four brothers, Gerald Smith, Howard Smith, Lloyd Smith and Harold Smith; and two sisters, Emma Fitzwater and Garnette Anderson. Survivors include three sons, Donald D. (Carole) Stolz of Des Moines; Ralph L. (Betty) Stolz of Loyal, WI and Roger L. Stolz of Colorado Springs, CO; one daughter, Mary Ann (Bernard) Stein of Des Moines; one brother, Bernard I. (Shirley) Smith of Rogers, AR; one sister, Shirley Evers of Co. Bluffs; nine grandchildren; six great grandchildren and other relatives.

Graveside services were held Sept. 24, 1997, at the Harlan Cemetery with Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating. Casket bearers were Bernard Stein, Brad Stein, Mike Stein, Ted Anastasi and Jon Rasmussen. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.