

## Geraldine Thomsen, 84

Nov. 25, 1913 - Dec. 26, 1997

**AVOCA** - Geraldine Marie Thomsen was born Nov. 25, 1913 in Valley Township. She was the daughter of Johannes and Rose Wineland Schaaf and was one of two children born into this union. She attended country school and graduated from the Avoca High School in 1931. She was a member of the State Championship basketball team in 1931.

Nov. 30, 1940, she married Arnold Thomsen in Omaha. They lived on the Thomsen farm between Walnut and Avoca until 1974, when they moved to Avoca. They were the parents of three children, Denny, Judy and Connie. She was a member of the United Church of Avoca and the Order of the Eastern Star in Walnut. She died Dec. 26, 1997, at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, at age 84 years, one month and one day.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Kenneth. She is survived by her husband, Arnold; their children, Denny (Linda) Thomsen of Kingsport, TN; Judy Hrab of Lansing, MI and Connie (Denny) Jensen of Walnut; seven grandchildren, Dawn (Michael) Minenga; Kendal Thomsen (Joan); Brent Bargaquast (Tania); Darrin Bargaquast; Kami (Jay) Bruck; Dustin Jensen (Cyndi) and Shannon Jensen; five great grandchildren, Andrea Thomsen, Kelvin and Trevor Bargaquast; Samantha Jensen and Victoria Bruck; a sister-in-law, Marjorie Schaaf; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 29, 1997, at the United Church of Avoca with Rev. Will Bynagte officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Brent Bargaquast and Douglas Wiegand. Casket bearers were Darrin Bargaquast, Kendall Thomsen, Jay Bruck, Michael Minenga, Dustin Jensen and Jason Wood. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.