

## Adelia Elsie Trottner

Feb. 25, 1906 - March 22, 1994

**Avoca** - Adelia Elsie Trottner was born on a farm east of Avoca Feb. 25, 1906, the daughter of Jorgen and Anna Boeck Peters and was the youngest of eleven children in the family. Her family moved from the farm to Avoca Feb. 25, 1911. She attended Avoca Public School and graduated in 1924. She taught in a rural school for three years.

She married Elmer Hansen Sept. 21, 1927. They farmed northwest of Avoca. To this union three children were born; Norma, Richard and Donna. They lived on the farm for 15 years and then moved to Avoca. She attend Drake University to renew her teaching certificate and taught in country schools near Avoca for 16 years. Through the help of the Superintendent of the Avoca School she was able to teach in the Elementary School in Avoca. She taught for 15 more years until her retirement in 1971. Elmer died in 1964 and in 1972 she married Rudolph Trottner. Rudy died in 1991. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church. She died March 22, 1994 at the Colonial Manors Nursing Home in Avoca, at age 88 years and 28 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, Elmer and Rudy, ten brothers and sisters; Gustie Schuemann, Bertha Schnack, Louise Schnack, Lulu Jensen, Henry, Ernest, Adolph, Rudolph and two who died in infancy. Survivors are her children, Norma (Orval) Pierce of Avoca, Richard Hansen (Alice) of Casper, WY and Donna (Emmet) Dargin of Avoca, ten grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild, 3 sisters-in-law; Belva Hansen of Avoca, Edna Kuhr of Waterloo and Mabel Nelson of Walnut and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 25, 1994 at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca with Pastor Keith Sievers, Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland cemetery in Avoca. Honorary casket bearers were: R.W. "Dick" Dea, Orvie Fischer, Wilbert Jacobsen and Bert Plahn. Casket bearers were: Bill Kay, Charles Allen, Scott Pigsley, Mervin Schnack, Ernest Schnack and Edwin Olsen. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.