## Harlan Ia., News Advertiser • October 11, 1996 • 9-3 Frances E. Wendt, 87 May 24, 1909 - Sept. 21, 1996

AVOCA - Frances Elmer Wendt was born in Jackson Township, Shelby County, May 24, 1909. She was one of nine children in the family. She attended country school in Jackson Township.

She married Harry Wendt on April 25, 1934 at Harlan. They made their home in Avoca. They were the parents of three children, Ronald, Janice and Barbara. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. She has been a resident of the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn, the past several years. She died at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home Sept. 21, 1996, at age 87 years, three months and 27 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents and eight brothers and sisters, Louise Groman, Florence Petersen, Nettie Nelson, Edia Marsh, Elmer Nelson, Leonard Nelson, Peter Nelson and Elva Petersen. She is survived by her husband, Harry; their children, Ronald Wendt (Ann) of Omaha, NE; Janice (James) Tooley of Walnut and Barbara (Marvin) Pittmann of Avoca; eight grandchildren; five great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 24, 1996, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca with Pastor Paul Bengtson and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were Byron Howe, Lawrence Kohlscheen, Troy Pittmann, Douglas Wendt, Darren Tooley and Justen Tooley. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.