

Lavina Weiss, 90

Oct. 22, 1916 - June 19, 2007

ATLANTIC - Lavina Margaret Weiss was born Oct. 22, 1916, in Walnut, daughter of Henry and Emma (Scheef) Hansen. She attended country schools and was a graduate of Walnut High School. She taught school at Monroe District # 1, rural Walnut for five years.

Aug. 28, 1940, Lavina married Andrew O. "Sunny" Weiss. Sunny died June 13, 2007. She had worked at the Avoca Sale Barn and Rays Shoe Store. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Atlantic; where she was an usher. Besides her church activities, she was a 4-H leader and a member of the Does, Drove No. 23 in Atlantic. Lavina had 600 volunteer hours for the CCMH Auxiliary. She died June 19, 2007 at Methodist Hospital in Omaha, NE at age 90.

Lavina was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Emma Hansen; her husband, Sunny Weiss; a brother, Norman Hansen; two sisters, Henrietta Henningsen and Ardelle Andersen; a step-sister, Verlee Andersen; a step-brother, Lynn Andersen; step brother-in-law, Gene Elmquist and her grandson, Joel Smyser. She is survived by her two daughters, Janet Lee Smyser (Jack) of Council Bluffs, and Shari Lynn Andersen (Rich) of Broken Arrow, OK; three brothers, Harold Hansen (Mary) of Walnut, Merle Hansen (Ardelle) of Brayton, Donald Hansen (Louella) of Walnut; two step-sisters, Kay Elmquist of Mapleton, and Marilyn Bennett of Atlantic; step sister-in-law, Mary Lou Andersen of Harlan; grandchildren, Jeff Smyser (Leigh Ann) of Council Bluffs, Scott Andersen (Rebel) of Skiatook, OK, Shelly McCord (Tony) of Broken Arrow, OK, Jamey Smyser (Becky) of Fort Collins, CO and Jason Smyser of Council Bluffs; 11 great-grandchildren, Jaclynn, Brooklynn, Taylor, and Cougar Andersen; Zach, Jessica, Megan and Alex Smyser, and Nathan, Josh and Taylor Smyser; and great great-grandson, Jordan Mort.

A memorial service was held June 23, 2007, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Atlantic. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery prior to the memorial service. Hockenberry Family Care in Atlantic in charge of arrangements

