

Betty Wendelin-Stendrup, 93

Jan. 6, 1920 - Aug. 1, 2013

AVOCA — Betty Wendelin Stendrup, daughter of Joseph and Josephine (Svec) Spurek, was born on January 6, 1920 in Wilber, NE. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Wilber, NE and attended school in Wilber graduating with the Wilber High School class of 1938.

November 25, 1939, Betty was united in marriage to George Wendelin of Crete, NE. After their marriage, they lived in Texas for several years where George was in the auction and livestock trucking business. In 1942, George and Betty moved to Iowa living



in the Lenox and Creston areas where George continued in the auction and livestock trucking business. In September of 1950, they purchased the Avoca Auction Company in Avoca. They were the parents of four children: Gary, Catherine, Jon and George. In 1957, they relocated their family to the Walnut and Avoca area. After George's untimely death in 1965, Betty continued to be the heart of the auction business working with her son Gary.

In March of 1969, Betty was united in marriage to Verne Stendrup of Harlan. She and Verne traveled extensively. After Verne's death in 1982, Betty continued to travel and especially enjoyed her trip to the Czech Republic with two of her granddaughters. Betty died on August, 1, 2013 at the Heritage House in Atlantic having attained the age of ninety-three years, six months and twenty-six days.

In addition to her parents and husbands, Betty was preceded in death by two grandchildren: Lisa L. Wendelin and Mark A. Wendelin; two brothers: Frank and Raymond Spurek. She is survived by her children: Gary W. Wendelin of Avoca; Catherine and her husband Jim Brendeland of Ames; Jon Wendelin and his wife Karla Jane of Slater, and George Wendelin, Jr. of Pickwick Dam, TN; eight grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; her brother Joe Spurek and his wife Dorthey of The Delles, OR; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

Wayne Paulsen officiated the 10:30 a.m. graveside service at Graceland Cemetery in Avoca on Monday, August 5, 2013. Serving as casket bearers were: Dwight Jay, Marlin Andersen, Doug Matthies, Aaron Wendelin, Doug Willett, Owen Wendelin, and Brandon Ihle.

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