

Doris Wheatley, 87

April 7, 1918 - Sept. 23, 2005

AVOCA — Doris Dorothy Elwood Wheatley was born April 7, 1918, in Prescott, one of six children born to George and Hattie Brown Elwood. She graduated with the Exira class of 1938. Afterwards, she worked as a domestic housekeeper in Atlantic.

Nov. 19, 1942, Doris married Alfred J. Wheatley in Missouri. To this union two sons, Ronald and Donald, were born. They farmed in the Atlantic and Marne areas. In 1949, they moved north of Avoca and farmed there for 26 years. They retired in 1975, and moved into Avoca. Alfred died in October 1979. She was a member of the Avoca Federated Club, the Avoca Garden Club, and was active in the United Church of Avoca, where she was involved with the Women's Fellowship. She also belonged to a card club. She moved to Peace Haven in Walnut in 2002, and in August of 2003, she moved to Little Flower Haven in Earling. She died at Little Flower Haven Sept. 23, 2005, at age 87 years, five months and 16 days.

Doris is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Alfred; her brothers, Howard and Ted; and her sister, Helen Wiemann. She is survived by her son, Ron (Sally) of Harlan; her son, Don (Cindy) of Shelby; six grandchildren, Andrea (Joel) Jacobsen, Ryan (Stephanie) Wheatley, Michelle (Paul) Freeman, Julie Guyer, Megan (Jake) Fuhs and Kevin (Charity) Wheatley; four great-grandchildren, Hunter and Maddysen Wheatley, Courtney Freeman and Abigail Jacobsen; her brother, Robert Elwood of Atlantic; her sister, Reva Novak of Alverta, CA; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 26, 2005, at the United Church of Avoca, with Pastor Dean Sparr officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Andrea Jacobsen, Michelle Freeman, Megan Fuhs, Ryan Wheatley, Julie Guyer and Kevin Wheatley. Casket bearers were James Wiemann, Marcus Thraen, Eldon Norgaard, Marty Schuemann, Clarence Holtz, Stanley Edmisten and Mike Brockman. Knutson Family Chapel in charge of arrangements.