

Beulah "Bee" Heilig, 67

Nov. 28, 1933 - Dec. 29, 2000

AVOCA - Beulah Ruth Strong was born Nov. 28, 1933, in Atlantic. She was the second of four children born to Raymond and Burnice Jensen Strong. She attended Botna Valley #4 Grade School and Avoca High School.

She married Oscar Wiemann Feb. 10, 1950. They were the parents of five children, Connie, Peggy, Debbie, Sherry and William. She worked in the grocery business for 30 years starting at Pittman Grocery in Avoca and then going to Bakers Grocery in Omaha where she retired in 1993. She then continued to work part-time at Avoca Super Foods for a few years.

In 1995 she married Bob Heilig in Yuma, AZ. They reside in Avoca during the summer and travel to Texas and California during the winter months. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. She died at Immanuel Hospital in Omaha, NE, Dec. 29, 2000, following a brief illness at age 67 years, one month and one day.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Burnice Strong; one son, William; infant sister, Virginia Ray; stepmother, Iris Strong; brother-in-law, Gus Attanasio. She is survived by her husband, Bob, of Avoca; four daughters, Connie (Del) Fields of Versailles, MO; Peggy (Leroy) Osbahr of Avoca; Debbie Olsen of Chicago, IL; and Sherry (Jim) Jones of Omaha, NE; one sister, Victorine (Robert) Jensen of Avoca; one brother, Russell Strong (Nancy) of Carson; and step sister, Sharon Attanasio of Shelby; four stepchildren, Robert Heilig (Laura); Donald Heilig (Laurell); Ronald Heilig (Nadine) and Carol Heilig, all of San Diego, CA; seven grandchildren; three great grandchildren; 12 step grandchildren; one step great grandchild; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 1, 2001, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Pastor John Rinde officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Melvin Horst and Vernon Nielsen. Casket bearers were Randy Pauley, Ronald Heilig, Merlin Jensen, Robert Heilig, Alan Husz and Tom Heilig. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.