

Nadine Holtz, 83

Nov. 16, 1930 - Jan. 28, 2014

AVOCA — Nadine Amelia Holtz, the daughter of Sam and Laura Bogs Nielsen, was born November 16, 1930 on a farm west of Hancock. Nadine was baptized and confirmed at the Lutheran Church in Avoca. She attended school in Hancock and graduated from Hancock High School with the class of 1947 at the age of sixteen. She later attended The University of Northern Iowa for normal training to become a school teacher. She then taught in a one room country school, Hazel Dell Township no. 8 before her marriage.

A farmer and a school teacher met at a dance at the Claus Grote Hall in Avoca in 1949. Ivan (Ike) Holtz and Nadine Nielsen were united in marriage on September 15, 1953 at The Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. Three children were born to this union, Bruce, Diane and Brett. She then became a stay at home mom and a hard working farm wife in the Carson and Avoca areas until 1964 when the family moved to Avoca. Music became an important part of family life, especially on family trips with Ike singing bass, Nadine singing soprano and the kids singing somewhere in-between. The family would sing to the moon, the stars or to anyone who would listen. Supper would sometimes be interrupted by Ike and Nadine dancing a quick polka or a romantic waltz. After moving to Avoca, Ike and Nadine managed the Sportsman Café in Avoca for a few years. In the 90's she returned to her passion of teaching by working at the Avoca Day Care Center. Recently she was a hostess for the Avoca Museum until retiring in 2011. Nadine enjoyed her grandchildren. She called supporting her grandchildren her biggest hobby, but she also had a collection of roosters. She continued to make her home in Avoca, until August of 2013 when she became a resident of the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center. Nadine died at the University Of Nebraska Medical Center on January 28, 2014, having attained the age of eighty-three years, two months and twelve days.

In addition to her parents, Nadine was preceded in death by her husband Ike in 1994 and three brothers, Francis, Marion and Floyd. Survivors include her children: Bruce Holtz of Avoca, Diane and her husband Jerry Stamp of Avoca, and Brett and his wife Bonnie Holtz of Atlantic; three grandchildren: Jerod and Jordan Stamp and Hanna Holtz; two great-grandchildren: Joslyn and Maggie Stamp; and brothers Delmar Nielsen and his wife Shirley of Council Bluffs and Norman Nielsen and his wife Millie of Dunlap; other family members and friends.

Pastor Eric Meissner officiated the 1:30 p.m. funeral service on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. Music was provided by Shirley Pattee. Honorary casket bearers were Hana Holtz, Joslyn Stamp, and Maggie Stamp. Serving as casket bearers were Jerod Stamp, Jordan Stamp, Mike Nielsen, David Andersen, Dean Ausdemore, Lynn Gronborg, and Jeremy Carrier. Interment was held at Grace-land Cemetery in Avoca.



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