

Betty Langer, 72

March 3, 1930 - Dec. 29, 2002

AVOCA – Betty Theone Langer was born March 3, 1930, in a rural farmhouse in Fairview Township, Shelby County, northeast of Avoca. She was the daughter of John D. and Lola Rock Carroll and was the sixth of 10 children. Betty and Donald Langer graduated from Avoca High School in 1947. Betty was valedictorian of her class.

Betty married Donald Langer Dec. 27, 1947, at the First Lutheran Church in Avoca. Their marriage was blessed with four children, Douglas, Dennis, Laurie and Lynette. Betty was an active member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, serving on the Church Council, ALCW and as an officer in the Elk Horn Conference #21 of the American Lutheran Church Women. She has been a member of the Trinity Church Bell Choir, American Legion Auxiliary, a six-year member of the Pott. Co. Family Living Committee, Nibble Nots, Valley Township Project Club and the Pleasant Township 500 Card Club. Since Betty's first diagnosis with cancer in 1988, she has fought a gallant battle against cancer. She died Dec. 29, 2002, at Immanuel Medical Center in Omaha, NE, at age 72 years, nine months and 26 days.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Kenneth and Wilbur; and two sisters, Dorothy Mattox and Judy Kaufman. She is survived by her husband, Don Langer of Avoca; her sons, Douglas Langer of Shelby and Dennis Langer (Penny) of Hancock; her daughters, Laurie (Craig) Tietjen of Lawrence, KS and Lynette (Charles) Keagle of Avoca; eight grandchildren; five great grandchildren; her sisters, Lorene Nelson, Mildred Petersen, Bertha (Robert) Kixmiller and Jeannie (David) Klindt, all of Avoca; her brother, Everette Carroll (Sandy) of Avoca; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 2, 2003, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, with Pastor Lou Hoger and Wayne Paulsen, Lay Assistant, officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were grandchildren, Dawn Breaman, Brooke Lewis, Blair Langer, Kelsey Langer, Brian Langer, Misty Langer, Brandt Langer and Parker Tietjen; and great grandchildren, Dustin Perkins, Haley Breaman, Steven Breaman, Brody Langer and Katharine Lewis. Casket bearers were Robert Kixmiller, Dallas Klindt, Wayne Nelsen, Wray Carroll, Duane Carroll and Jerry Kaufman. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.