

Geneva Maassen, 92

Dec. 11, 1913 - Sept. 30, 2006

AVOCA — Geneva Carol Maassen, the eldest child of Carl and Edna Harris Heft, was born in Oakland, Dec. 11, 1913. The family spent some time in Hancock, Colorado and Woodbine before moving back to Oakland in 1928. She graduated from Oakland High School in 1931. She then attended business school and worked in Omaha, NE prior to her marriage.

Geneva married Howard Maassen May 3, 1950, in Omaha, NE. After their marriage, they lived on the Maassen family farm south of Avoca where Howard farmed and operated a trucking business and Geneva was a homemaker. They were the parents of three daughters, Diane, Ellen and Ilyeen. In February 1968, they moved to Avoca. She was a longtime member of the Hancock United Methodist Church, the Eastern Star and the VFW Auxiliary. She died Sept. 30, 2006, at Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, at age 92 years, nine months and 19 days.

Geneva is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Howard, an infant daughter, Ellen Carol, and brother, Harris Heft. She is survived by her children, Diane Elizabeth (Larry) Moehlenbrink of Albuquerque, NM and Ilyeen Kathryn (Russ) Wesley of Waukee; two grandchildren, Carrie Elizabeth and Martin Jon; a sister, Beaulavon Beatty of Hancock; in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held Oct. 4, 2006, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca, with Rev. Dr. Judy Flanegin of the Hancock United Methodist Church officiating. Casket bearers were Jeff Maassen, Roger Maassen, Dale Maassen, Alan Maassen, Dale Schroder and Ted Andersen. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Hancock. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.
