

Lottie Rock Mez, 95

Dec. 7, 1908 - Aug. 11, 2004

AVOCA – Lottie Louise Rock Mez was born in Hancock, Dec. 7, 1908, to Elisha and Alice Lee Leasure. The family moved to South Dakota and she returned to the Avoca area as a young lady.

She married Elmer Rock in August 1933. They had a family of three, Willis, Lavonne and Sally. They lived in the Avoca area all during their marriage. Elmer and his uncle, Clarence Rock, owned and operated the Rock Hardware & Electric Store. In later years, they bought the pool hall next door which Willis later owned. Elmer died in March 1956.

Lottie married Max Mez of Avoca in October 1963. Max died in 1984. Lottie lived in Avoca until 2001 when her health started to fail, and she moved into assisted living in Omaha. She died Aug. 11, 2004.

Lottie was preceded in death by her husbands, Elmer Rock and Max Mez; son, Willis Rock; brothers and sisters, Lloyd, Gladys, Anne, Olive, Bert, Glen and Donald. She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-laws, Lavonne (Joe) Gerlt of Omaha, NE and Sally (John) Millsapps of Longmont, CO; daughter-in-law, Dora Rock of Avoca; grandchildren, Connie (Rick) Hacker; Vicki (Lee) Tomlinson; Angie (Joe) Brisbois; Gary (Nikki) Rock; Kyle (Christy) Rock; Mike Millsapps and Suzy Christophersen; great-grandchildren, Brandon, Amanda and Ryan Tomlinson; Christine and Colleen Hacker; Shannon and Lance Brisbois; and Paetyn and Parker Rock; a stepson, Jerry Mez (Joyce) of Avoca; stepdaughter, Janet (Lee) Johnson of Mercer Island, WA; step grandchildren, Jay Mez; Joel Mez (Kim); Joy Ludvigsen (Jon); and Derek Johnson; step great-grandchildren, Joseph and Christine Mez; Rachel, Megan and Gavin Mez; and Hope and Holly Ludvigsen.

Memorial services were held Aug. 14, 2004, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, with Rev. Richard Solberg officiating. Private graveside services were held in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.