

Edna McKinney, 86

Jan. 26, 1917 - Sept. 16, 2003

AVOCA – Edna Grace McKinney, the daughter of Henry V. and Bertha Plautz Rock, was born Jan. 26, 1917, in rural Avoca, and was one of 12 children in the family. She attended school in Avoca and graduated with the class of 1934. After high school, she attended business school in Omaha, NE. She was employed at the Soil Conservation Service in Omaha, NE.

Edna married Richard McKinney, Sr. Dec. 12, 1946, in Avoca. They were the parents of three children, Richard, Ronald and Kathryn. She was later employed at the Avoca Creamery and at the Soil Conservation Office in Oakland and retired from that job in 1981. She moved to Avoca and lived in the Avoca Housing Apartments for 10 years before moving to the Assisted Living Apartments in Avoca in May 2002. One year later, in May 2003, she moved to the Avoca Nursing & Rehab Center. She died Sept. 16, 2003, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 86 years, seven months and 21 days.

Her parents; husband, Richard, Sr.; 10 brothers and sisters, Ella Sieh, Alma Pattee, Arnold Rock; Lola Carroll, Leonard Rock, Herbert Rock, Carl Rock, Bertha Boettger-Jacobsen, Ina Burmeister and Oscar Rock, preceded Edna in death. Survivors include her children, Richard McKinney (Joyce) of Grand Island, NE; Ronald McKinney (Kathleen) of Blue Grass; and Kathryn (Andy) Banders of Omaha, NE; one sister, Hilda Krummel of Avoca; five granddaughters; three great grandsons; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 19, 2003, at the United Methodist Church in Hancock, with Rev. Dr. Judy Flanegin officiating. Burial was in the Oakhill Cemetery, Hancock. Casket bearers were Rod Ulfers, Everette Carroll, Dave Burmeister, Doug Burmeister, Wallace Pattee and David Boettger. Pauley Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.