

Della J. McMichael, 59

Aug. 28, 1938 - Oct. 4, 1997

AVOCA - Della J. McMichael was born Aug. 28, 1938, in Omaha, NE to August and Emelia Lerke Arigo. She lived most of her life in the midwest and attended Druid Hill Grade School in Omaha and high school in San Jose, CA. Her family moved back to Omaha when her father died. She grew up as the youngest of a large family, so she was very family oriented. She married Albert McMichael Sept. 16, 1989 in Avoca. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, Oct. 4, 1997, at age 59 years, one month and six days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, August Arigo, Jr. and Samuel Arigo, and a sister, Rose Marie Breckenridge. She is survived by her husband, Albert; a daughter, Kim Albert of Champagne, IL; a son, Ronald Beckwith of Omaha; three stepchildren, Eugene and Dennis McMichael, both of New Orleans, LA and Sherry (Norwood) Todd of Paradise, LA; five grandchildren; four sisters, Martha Rausch of Avoca; Nancy Perrigo; Emelia (LeRoy) Wehde and Helen Bovee, all living in Omaha; and two half sisters, Mary Cocco of Omaha and Carmelia Massineo of San Jose, CA, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 8, 1997, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel with Rev. Will Bynagte officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were David Lewis, Ray Lebell, Darren Becker, Andrew Lewis, Dan Henderson and Walter Wehde.