

## Lorene Nelsen, 85 ✓

*Dec. 9, 1919 - April 22, 2005*

**AVOCA** — Lola Lorene Nelsen, daughter of John D. and Lola Louise Rock Carroll, was born on a farm near Walnut, Dec. 9, 1919. She was baptized and confirmed at the First Lutheran Church in Avoca. She attended country grade school and graduated from Avoca High School in 1937.

June 4, 1939, Lorene married Walter Lawrence Nelsen at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Missouri Valley. After their marriage, they lived in Monrovia, CA, until September of 1942, when they moved to Omaha, NE. They moved back to Avoca in 1944. They were the parents of four children, Lon, Janiece, Wayne and Vaughn. Walt died as a result of an automobile accident in 1955. After his death, Lorene went to work as a cook for the Avoca school district for 29 years, retiring in 1990. She died April 22, 2005, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 85 years, four months and 13 days.

In addition to her parents, Lorene was preceded in death by her husband, Walt; brothers, Kenneth and Wilbur Carroll; sisters, Betty Langer, Dorothy Mattox and Judy Kaufman; and one great-granddaughter, Cassidy Marie Dethlefs. She is survived by her children, Lon Nelsen (Theota) of Avoca; Janiece (Harold) Ronnfeldt of Council Bluffs; Wayne Nelsen (Virginia) of Avoca; and Vaughn Nelsen (Janette) of Omaha, NE; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; sisters, Mildred Petersen, Bertha Kixmiller and Wilma Jean Klindt; and one brother, Everette Carroll (Sandy), all of Avoca; sisters-in-law, Audrey Carroll, Dorothy Ann Carroll and Edna Nelsen, all of Avoca; Evelyn Nelsen of Walnut; Margaret Nelsen of Texas; Lillian (Bernard) Flaherty of California; brothers-in-law, Donald Langer of Avoca; Mike Kaufman of Omaha, NE; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 25, 2005, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, with Rev. Bernard Daiker officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were Walter Nelsen, Douglas Nelsen, David Shavlik, David Osborn, Roger Dethlefs and Dallas Klindt. Pauley Jones Funeral Home, Avoca, in charge of arrangements.