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Arlene Nieman, 72

June 16, 1927 - Nov. 12, 1999

WALNUT - Arlene Betty Nieman was born June 16, 1927, south of Walnut, daughter of Herman and Annie Willms Alff. She was one of three children in the family.

She married Dick Nieman Jan. 23, 1948, in Avoca. They were the parents of three children, Darwin, Diane and Terry. They lived east of Walnut and farmed until Dick's death in 1986. She then moved to Walnut in 1987, and has made her home there ever since. She worked at Peace Haven Home in Walnut for 27 years. She retired in 1996. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Walnut. She died at her home Nov. 12, 1999, at age 72 years, five months and four days.

She was preceded in death by her father, Herman Alff; her husband, Dick; and a sister, Elouise, who died in infancy. She is survived by her mother, Annie Alff of Oakland; her children, Darwin (Connie) of Chillicothe, MO; Diane (Jon) Martens of Atlantic; and Terry of Walnut; three grandchildren, Brooke Nieman, Michelle Martens and Brandon Martens (Carey); her brother, Lester Alff (Dorothy) of Avoca; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 16, 1999, at the First Presbyterian Church, Walnut, with Pastor Ron Barnett officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Vernon Murray, Orris Drake, Dr. Robert Larsen, Bill League, Robert Stuart and Kenneth Fredrehsen. Casket bearers were Jack Osborn, Leo Stuart, Bob Whitsitt, Dick Willms, Bob Clausen and Bruce Alff. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.