

## Muriel Olsen, 90

*Oct. 8, 1916 - Jan. 13, 2007*

**WALNUT** — Muriel Frances Olsen was born Oct. 8, 1916, in the Corley area to Thomas and Martha (Rold) Christensen. She graduated from Harlan High School with the class of 1933 and attended Ottawa University in Kansas for two years. She taught in country schools in the Cuppy's Grove area.

Muriel married Erik A. Olsen April 24, 1943, in Papillion, NE. They made their home on a farm between Walnut and Avoca and were the parents of four children. Muriel graduated from Dana College in May of 1965, and was a teacher for many years in the Walnut, Hancock and Avoca schools. She spent her last years living at Peace Haven Retirement Home in Walnut following the death of her husband, Erik, June 17, 1997. Dec. 16, 2006, she entered Mercy Hospital and then moved to Woodlands Rehab Center in Council Bluffs Dec. 22, 2006. She was an active member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. She died at Woodlands Rehabilitation Center in Council Bluffs Jan. 13, 2007, at age 90 years, three months and five days.

In addition to her parents, Muriel is preceded in death by her husband, Erik; her infant daughter, Arlene; and her sister, Arlene. She is survived by her children, a daughter, Helene Peterson (Dick) of Peoria, IL; two sons, Larry Olsen (Sally) of Treynor and Harry Olsen (Kay) of Glenwood; a brother, Doug Christensen (JoAnn) of Estherville; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; two brother-in-laws, Ron Olsen (Beverly) and Stan Olsen and his wife, Mary Ann, of Omaha, NE; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 18, 2007 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, with Pastor Dennis Reich officiating. Serving as casket bearers were Tom Olsen, Tim Peterson, Jeremy Olsen, Mike Whitaker, Jeff Olsen and Mike Peterson. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery, Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca, in charge of arrangements.

