

Francis Pedersen, 92

April 27, 1909 – April 30, 2001

AVOCA – Frances Louise Pedersen was born April 27, 1909, in Randolph, NE, one of four children born to Myron and Bertha Kruger Whitney. She attended school in Randolph, until her family moved to Carroll, NE. She graduated from Carroll, NE high school and attended Wayne State College. She taught country school and helped in her father's general store.

She married Paul C. Pedersen June 9, 1930, in Hartington, NE. They were the parents of two daughters, Diane and Cherie. In 1934, the family moved to Griswold, where Paul was employed. In 1936, they moved to Avoca, where Paul managed the Ford Garage. She was a homemaker and active in the Trinity Lutheran Church, the choir and other church activities. She worked for the local drugstore, starting with C.C. Wendt, Frances Crahan and Terry Carley for 50 years, retiring at age 80. Paul and Frances also ran the Corley Inn in the 1940's, and opened the Steak House in 1948. Paul died June 7, 1970. She continued to live in her home in Avoca. She died April 30, 2001, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 92 years and three days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Paul; and two grandchildren. She is survived by her two daughters, Diane (Marv) Schuler of Avoca and Cherie Wright of Boise, ID; one sister, Irene Moore of Nampa, ID; nine grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren and 13 great great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives and a very special extended family, Eugene and Cheryl Butcher.

Funeral services were held May 4, 2001, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Pastor John Rinde and Lay Assistant Mr. Wayne Paulsen officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Cynthia Cameron, Elizabeth Miller, Sheri Chrouser, Paula Dreyer, Christi Zimmerman, Susan Reed, Natalie Felhofer, Lisa Schulz and Shari Kay. Casket bearers were Eugene Butcher, Jr., Marvin Schuler, Scott Wright, Tim Schulz, John Felhofer and Darwin Cameron. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.