

Alvena C. Peters, 100

Dec. 16, 1896 - Nov. 15, 1997

AVOCA - Alvena Catherine Oehlertz Peters was born at Corley, Dec. 16, 1896, daughter of John and Clara Hansen Oehlertz. She was one of four children in the family. The family moved to a farm in Knox Township when Alvena was 2 1/2 years old. She attended country school at Buzzard Glory #8, after which she attended the Avoca High School for one year. She stayed at home to work on the farm.

Feb. 20, 1920, she married Willie P. Peters. They farmed southeast of Avoca until 1963, when they moved into Avoca to a home that her grandfather built in the late 1800's. Willie died March 17, 1973. She was able to remain in her own home, with the help of her family and Mobil Meals, until earlier this year when she became a resident of the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center in Avoca. She enjoyed playing cards and has belonged to the same neighborhood Sunshine Club since its beginning in 1933. She also enjoyed traveling and had made several trips across the country and in Canada. She died at the Nursing Center Nov. 15, 1997, at age 100 years, 10 months and 30 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Willie; one sister, Edna, and two brothers, Rudolph and Fritz. She is survived by her nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 18, 1997, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Pastor Paul Bengtson and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were Don Oehlertz, Dennis Foote, Keith Oehlertz, Douglas Paulsen, Jeff Foote and Jim Stewart. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.