

Mae Pope, 93

Sept. 13, 1906 – Aug. 3, 2000

AVOCA – Mae Leona Pope was born Sept. 13, 1906, at Manilla, daughter of Amasa and Bertha Copeland Fish and was one of six children in the family. Her family moved to Harlan, and then when she was a young girl, Mae moved to Avoca, and worked as a cook for various restaurants. She attended school in Avoca.

She married Merle Pope May 22, 1926, in Co. Bluffs. They were the parents of seven children, Edward, Bill, Alice, Amasa, Claude, Clarence and Shirley. She worked as an aide at the Avoca Nursing Home, retiring when she was 73. Merle died Jan. 8, 1966, and Mae remained in her home until May of 1997, when she became a resident of the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center. She was a member of the United Church of Avoca. She died Aug. 3, 2000, at the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center at age 93 years, 11 months and 20 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Merle; three sons, Bill, Amasa and Edward; and one daughter, Shirley Madden. She is survived by three children, Alice Schueman; Claude "Tuffy" Pope (Karen) and Clarence "Punk" Pope (Diane), all of Avoca; one sister, Zoe Kibby of Mission, TX; and one brother, Clell Fish (Ila) of Holt, MI; 19 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren and nine great great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 7, 2000, at the United Church of Avoca with Pastor Will Bynagte officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were David Pope, Neil Pope, Chucky Madden, Travis Hargens, T.J. Dargin, Duane Friend and Derek Olsen. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.