

## Janice Taylor, 85

Aug. 3, 1926 - Dec. 13, 2011

**AVOCA** — Janice Irene

Taylor, daughter of Austin and Margery (Schmidt) Gress, was born on August 3, 1926 in rural Hancock. While in high school, Janice enjoyed playing basketball. She met and then began corresponding with a soldier by the name of Donald Taylor. She graduated from the Hancock High School and after graduation she moved to Lee's Summit, MO; Newton; and Gary, IN.

Janice reconnected with her sweetheart Don Taylor and after his discharge from WWII they were united in marriage on November 20, 1945 in Hiawatha, KS. They were the parents of four children: Dennis, Janee, Margery and Jan. They raised their children on the Gress Family Farm in Hancock. After twenty years of farming, Janice and Don moved to Avoca. Janice was a full time housewife and she loved being able to spend time with her family and friends. She enjoyed attending her grandchildren and great-grandchildren's school activities. Janice entered the Oakland Manor Nursing Home in Oakland in January of 2009, and this is where she died on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 having attained the age of eighty-five years, four months, and ten days.

In addition to her parents, Janice was preceded in death by her husband Don, her brothers: Cletis Gress and Wilbur Gress; and her sisters: Dorothy Trulson, Wilma Rader, and Leota Pash. She is survived by her children: Dennis Taylor and his wife Diana, Janee and her husband Jim Schueman, Margery and her husband Greg Petersen all of Avoca, and Jan Taylor and her significant other Kevin Farver of Atlantic; eleven grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; one great great-grandchild; sister Norma and her husband John Hester of Sheridan, AR; sister-in-law Dee Gress of Hancock; nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Rev. Dennis Reich officiated the 10:30 a.m. funeral service at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca. Honorary casket bearers were Gwen Crawford, Shaleen Wilson, Paige Adkins, Janee Schueman, and Kyanna Wieslier. Interment was held at the Graceland Cemetery in Avoca with Keith Schueman, Joss Petersen, Heath Paulsen, Matt Schueman, Jeff Taylor, and Blair Paulsen serving as casket bearers.



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