

## Mildred Wunder, 86

March 10, 1921 - June 6, 2007

**AVOCA** — Mildred Sorina Wunder, daughter of Peter M. and Rosie Christensen Jensen, was born March 10, 1921, on a farm near Avoca. She attended country school at Valley Township No. 2 in rural Hancock and later graduated from Hancock High in 1938. After high school, she attended business school in Omaha, NE. As young girls, Mildred and her sister, Arline, worked in Harlan for their father at the DX gas station where they were known as the "DX Girls." She also worked for the Ray Burke family where she met "grocery boy" Victor Wunder. She then started her banking career as a teller at the Harlan National Bank.

Mildred married Victor Wunder Nov. 21, 1943, at the Lutheran Church in Harlan. To this union three daughters were born, Judy, Vicky and Lori. In 1950, the family moved to Avoca where they became partners with Mildred's parents in the J & W Hardware Store. She helped at the store until 1961 when she began working at the Avoca State Bank. She worked there for 22 years and was cashier when she retired in 1983. She was a longtime member of the VFW Auxiliary and the Trinity Lutheran Church Women where she volunteered for many years. She died June 6, 2007, at their home in the Avoca Lodge Assisted Living, at age 86 years, two months and 27 days.

Mildred is preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, Victor Wunder of Avoca; her daughters, Judy (Mike) Leed of Anita; Vicky (Charles) Geers of Dyersville and Lori (Michael) Sampson of Avoca; her grandchildren, Amber (Brian) Kelly of Omaha, NE; Christopher Geers (Theresa) of Peoria, IL; Ryan Leed (Julie) of Ida Grove; Jennifer (Wayne) Riley of Iowa City; Michelle (Paul) Freeman of Avoca; Julie Guyer of Council Bluffs; Kevin Wheatley (Charity) of Avoca; Erica (Aaron) Bontrager of Iowa City; 13 great-grandchildren; and her sister, Arline Gans of Irwin; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 9, 2007, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, with Pastor Dennis Reich officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Bob and Dorothea Paulsen, Don Larimore, John and Betty Oehlertz, Marvin and Barb Piittmann, Ernie Hogeland, Jerry and Joyce Mez and the residents and staff of the Avoca Assisted Living. Casket bearers were Ryan Leed, Kevin Wheatley, Brian Kelly, Christopher Geers, Aaron Bontrager, Wayne Riley, Paul Freeman and Marty Monson. Burial was held at the Graceland Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.