

Leita Akers, 82 ✓

July 13, 1922 - April 30, 2005

WALNUT — Leita Mae Akers, daughter of Roy and Hazel Richardson, was born July 13, 1922, on a farm near Auburn. She grew up in the Lake View and Auburn areas. Her senior year she lived in Gilmore, and then graduated from Guthrie Center High School.

Leita married Dale Akers May 8, 1946. They were the parents of five children. They moved to the Walnut area in 1963. Leita worked as a cook at the Walnut Schools and the Gardens Restaurant for many years. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Walnut where she held many offices. She was also a member of the AmVets Legion Auxiliary and was the past president. She died April 30, 2005, at Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic, at age 82 years, nine months and 17 days.

Leita is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dale; a brother, Robert Richardson; a granddaughter, Sarah Hagadon; and a son-in-law, Lynn Door. She is survived by her children, Dennis Akers and Ardith Bivens of Avoca; Linda (Jon) Hall of Omaha, NE; Ronald Akers of Lawndale, NC; Janet (Randall) Lawson of Stuart; and Rose (Walt) Sievers of Walnut; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; a sister, Lois Troll of Walnut; sisters-in-law, Jenny Richardson of Savannah, GA; Lois Ann Newell of Bentonville, AR; and Penny Akers of Exira; brother-in-law, Delbert Akers (Naomi) of Anita; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 4, 2005, at the Walnut Community School Gymnasium with Pastor David Krueger officiating. Burial was in the Layton Township Cemetery, Walnut. Honorary casket bearers were Les Ballantyne, Johnny Akers, Craig Silk and Ralph Akers. Casket bearers were Tim Akers, Eugene Troll, Jeff Petersen, Steve Petersen, Eric Larson and Don Schwarte. Pauley Jones Funeral Home, Avoca, in charge of arrangements.