

Bessie Ethlyn Crann, 100

Nov. 2, 1895 - June 16, 1996 ✓

AVOCA - Bessie Ethlyn Crann was born Nov. 2, 1895 in Avoca, daughter of Frank and Anna Caroline Christiansen Nieman. She was one of five children in the family. She attended school at Avoca and graduated in 1913.

She married Raymond Crann Jan. 15, 1919. They made their home in and around the Avoca area except for the few years they spent in NE. She was the bookkeeper at the Avoca Creamery for 25 years. He died Nov. 3, 1975. They had been married for 56 years. She was a member of a card club. She died June 16, 1996 at Colonial Manors Nursing Home in Avoca at age 100 years, 7 months and 14 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Raymond, three brothers; Theodore, Will and Glen. She is survived by her sister, Jean Schriefer of Avoca, two nieces; two nephews; one step-niece, one step-nephew, 7 great nephews, 1 great-niece, 2 great-great-nephews, 2 great-great-nieces, 2 step-great-nephews, 2 step-great-nieces and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 18, 1996 at Knutson Funeral Chapel with Rev. Will Bynagte officiating. Burial was in the Graceland cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were; Raymond Holtz and Paul Mitchell. Casket bearers were: Dale Swanson, Brad Jezewski, Matt Nieman, David Nieman, Mark Swanson, Jeff Jezewski, Mark Nieman and Jennifer Nieman.