

## Edna Mae Conklin, 98

*Dec. 17, 1900 – Oct. 26, 1999*

**AVOCA** – Edna Mae Conklin was born Dec. 17, 1900, near Walnut, daughter of Charles and Katie Anstine Coffman. She was one of seven children. She attended a rural school that was near her home.

She married Roy Conklin Aug. 11, 1915. They were the parents of three children, Darlene, Frank and Della. After their marriage, they hired out to do farm work for farmers that needed help. In 1922, they moved to Saskatchewan, Canada to work for a farmer there. In 1923, they moved back to the Avoca area. He later began employment with the railroad section crew from Avoca. The family then moved into Avoca. Roy died Aug. 25, 1958, at age 69. They had been married for 43 years. She became a resident of the Baptist Home in 1983. She was a member of the United Church of Avoca. She died at Elm Crest Retirement Community Oct. 26, 1999, at age 98 years, 10 months and nine days.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Roy; her daughter, Della Derby; and five brothers and sisters. She is survived by her daughter, Darlene (Marion) Christensen of Del Rio, TX; her son, Frank Conklin (Wanda) of Omaha; a sister, Mary Schultz of British Columbia, Canada; grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 30, 1999, at the United Church of Avoca with Rev. Will Bynagte officiating. Casket bearers were Frank Derby, Joe Vignovich, Sr., Kevin Conklin, Terry Derby, Joe Vignovich, Jr., and Tony Zupan. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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