

## Clara Goettsch, 92

*Jan. 7, 1911 - Aug. 1, 2003*

**WALNUT** – Clara Katherine Goettsch was born Jan. 7, 1911, near Avoca, to John and Anna Thomsen Henningsen. She was one of three children in the family. She attended country school west of Avoca, and graduated in 1929 from Avoca High School. She then taught school for four years south of Walnut.

Clara married Henry Goettsch Jan. 21, 1933, in Papillion, NE. They are the parents of one daughter, Jean. They farmed on land south of Walnut until 1948. They moved into Walnut but continued to farm until Henry's death in November 1978. Clara died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, Aug. 1, 2003, at age 92 years, six months and 25 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Anna; her husband, Henry; her brother, Herbert; and her grandson, Kent Kaven. She is survived by her daughter, Jean Kaven of Denver, CO; two grandsons, Kirk Kaven of Mexico and Kraig Kaven of Denver; four great grandchildren, Geoffrey Kaven of Oklahoma and Kristopher, Kelly and Katie Kaven, all of Denver; four great great grandchildren, Krischtian Kaven O'Neil and Adria Berg; her sister, Della Sievers; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 5, 2003, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, with Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Casket bearers were Howard Goettsch, Daryl Henningsen, Clarence Holtz, Robert Goettsch, Dale Lynch and Freddie Joe Goettsch. Pauley Knutson Funeral Home in Walnut, in charge of arrangements.