

## **Bernice Jacobsen, 88**

*Aug. 11, 1912 – Sept. 16, 2000*

**AVOCA** – Bernice Sophia Jacobsen was born Aug. 11, 1912, southeast of Avoca, the daughter of L. Chris and Anna Christiansen Hansen. She was one of four children in the family. She attended and graduated from Avoca High School in 1930. She taught country school after graduating from high school.

She married Wilbert R. Jacobsen Aug. 11, 1937, in Atlantic. Bernice and Wilbert started farming south of his parents' farm. They were the parents of three sons, Loren, Wayne and Roger. They operated a Grade A Guernsey Dairy farm from 1950 to 1977. In 1967, they moved to their home on Taylor Street in Avoca. They were members of the English Lutheran Church. Later, when the two Lutheran Churches merged, they continued their involvement with the Trinity Lutheran Church. She belonged to the Ladies Aide Group of the church and was a member of the Knox Project Club. They had been married for over 61 years when Wilbert died April 1, 1999. She was a resident of the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center when she died Sept. 16, 2000, at age 88 years, one month and five days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Wilbert; and her brother, Harold Hansen. She is survived by her sons, Loren (Janis) of Adel; Wayne (Becky) of Avoca; and Roger (Laura) of Des Moines; nine grandchildren, Michael, David, Amy, Kevin (Jodi), Robb (Melissa), Bradley (Angela), Chad (Carmen), Jonathon and Kera; six great grandchildren, Kasey, Morgan, Mattie, Steven, Nathan and Alec; two sisters, Irma (LaVerne) Kock of Avoca and Agnes (Lawrence) Gronborg of Walnut; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 20, 2000, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Pastor John Rinde officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Amy Jacobsen and Kera Jacobsen. Casket bearers were Michael Jacobsen, Kevin Jacobsen, Bradley Jacobsen, Jonathon Jacobsen, David Jacobsen, Robb Jacobsen and Chad Jacobsen. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.