

Ruby Jacobsen, 85

March 29, 1915 – Jan. 21, 2001

AVOCA – Ruby Mae Ronk Jacobsen was born March 29, 1915, in Oakland, the daughter of Floyd and May Braden Ronk, and was one of five children in the family.

She married Harry H. Jacobsen at Maryville, MO, July 8, 1932. They had two daughters, Margaret and Judith. Ruby spent the major part of her adult life on their farm east and south of Hancock, helping her husband farm while raising their two daughters. In later years she worked at the Oakland Nursing Home. In 1984, they retired from the farm and moved to their home on North Elm Street in Avoca. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. She died at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, NE, Jan. 21, 2001, at age 85 years, nine months and 23 days.

Ruby was preceded in death by her husband, Harry; her parents; three brothers, Carl, Fay and Gordon; and a sister, Evelyn O'Neill. She is survived by her daughters, Margaret (Donald) Johannsen of Avoca and Judith (Gary) Petersen of Osceola; her grandchildren, Christie (Ron) Kawaler of Winnipeg, Canada; Clay Johannsen (Trudy) of Avoca; Teri (Kevin) Townsend of Osceola and Kim (Jon) Jones of Waukee; eight great grandchildren; a very special niece, Mick McCauley of Yucca Valley, CA; two special nephews, Bill and Jim O'Neill of Arcata, CA; a sister-in-law, Esther Jacobsen of Hancock; other nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 24, 2001, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Pastor John Rinde and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Hancock. Casket bearers were Larry Chapman, Gene Sornsen, Dennis Jacobsen, Sr., Jim Kardel, Kenneth Martin and Kim Weddum. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.