

Viola Jacobsen, 94

Sept. 3, 1910 - Feb. 26, 2005

AVOCA — Viola Margratha Jacobsen, daughter of William and Clara (Harder) Peters, was born Sept. 3, 1910, on a farm near Hancock. She was baptized and confirmed at the First Lutheran Church in Avoca. She attended country school near Hancock. After grade school, she went on to live with her grandmother during the week in Avoca while she attended school and graduated from Avoca High School.

Jan. 1, 1930, Viola married Harry Ernest Jacobsen at the Lutheran Parsonage in Avoca. Two children were born to this union. For 20 years the couple farmed east of Avoca until 1950 when they moved into Avoca where Harry began work for the Avoca Auction Company. Viola worked several odd jobs while living in Avoca but mostly as a telephone operator until 1960. She was a lifelong member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca.

After the death of her husband, Viola remained at her home in Avoca until 1996 when she became a resident of Peace Haven in Walnut. She later moved to the Indian Hills Nursing Home in Council Bluffs in 1998 until January of 1999 when she became a resident of Oakland Manor. It was here that she died Feb. 26, 2005, at age 94 years, five months and 23 days.

In addition to her parents, her husband of over 61 years, Harry, and her son, Virgil, Viola was preceded in death by her grandson, Dean Hildebrand, and her sister, Elva Tiarks. She is survived by her daughter, Lois Hildebrand of Oakland; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 1, 2005, at the Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Bernard Dalker officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were Cory Root, Larry Jacobsen, Chris Hildebrand, Adolph "Fritz" Tiarks, Matthew Root and Don Hildebrand. Pauley Jones Funeral Home, Avoca Chapel, in charge of arrangements.