

**Roma Jensen, 95**

Nov. 12, 1918 - Feb. 14, 2014

**AVOCA** — Roma Marie Jensen, daughter of Charles and Nellie (Delph) Prior, was born on November 12, 1918 at Stuart. She started school in Stuart and when her family moved to Shelby she continued her education at the Shelby High School.

March 3, 1936, Roma was united in marriage to Lyle Alvin Jensen in Omaha, NE. Six children were born to this union: Merlin, Bruce, Lylia, Colleen, John and Arlene. After their marriage, Lyle and Roma made their home in Avoca. Roma spent most of her time at home taking care of her children as a homemaker but

also spent time working at the Avoca Creamery and being a care taker for many people from the Avoca area. She also enjoyed sewing, quilting, gardening and traveling throughout all fifty states. She never forgot a road she traveled. While Lyle was an active member of the Avoca American Legion Fred Funston Post No. 227, Roma was very active with the Ladies Auxiliary. After the death of Lyle on May 13, 1973, Roma continued to make her home in Avoca. She died on February 14, 2014 at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan having attained the age of ninety-five years, three months and two days.

In addition to her parents and husband, Roma was preceded in death by her son John whom she took care of for many years, her brother Charles Prior and son-in-law Darrell Mardesen. She is survived by her children: Merlin Jensen and his wife Jackie of Avoca; Bruce Jensen and his wife Linda of Council Bluffs; Lylia Mardesen of Elk Horn; Colleen and her husband Gary Schnepel of Omaha, NE and Arlene and her husband Harold Reid of Carlisle; 16 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Margie Prior of Council Bluffs, nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Wayne Paulsen at 2:00 p.m. on Monday February 17, 2014 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca. Shirley Pattee provided the music and the interment was held at Graceland Cemetery in Avoca. Serving as casket bearers were Gene Mardesen, Cindy Boyd, Carol Hartvigen, Clara Wombold, Kevin Jensen, Lynette Trauger, Serena Riesgaard, Allison Brotherson, Karen Rashid, Junifer Kruse and Michelle Montet.



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