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Leota Jean Pash, 61

June 17, 1930 — May 28, 1992

AVOCA — Leota Jean Pash was born in Hancock, June 17, 1930. She was the daughter of Austin and Margery Schmidt Gress. She was one of 7 children in her family. She attended high school in Hancock and graduated in 1947. She enjoyed playing on the basketball team while in high school. She graduated from Cosmetology School, Oct. 15, 1948.

She married Donald Pash Feb. 18, 1950 in Avoca. They were the parents of 3 children: Marlene, Kevin and Michelle. She was confirmed and became a member of the First Lutheran Church of Avoca, June 2, 1955. She worked in the Variety Distributors in Harlan for 16 years. She belonged to the Ladies Aid Circle at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. She died suddenly at her home in Avoca, May 28, 1992, at age 61 years, 11 months and 11 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Dorothy Trulson. Survivors are her husband, Donald Pash of Avoca; her two daughters, Marlene Maassen of Avoca and Michelle (Phil) Higgins of Co. Bluffs; her son, Kevin (Kim) Pash of Omaha, NE.; 2 grandchildren; 3 sisters, Wilma (Don) Rader of Orlando, FL.; Janice (Don) Taylor of Avoca; Norma (John) Hester of Sheridan, AR.; 2 brothers, Wilber (Tina) Gress of Richland, WA.; Cletis (Dee) Gress of Hancock; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 1, 1992 at the Knutson Funeral Chapel in Avoca with Mr Wayne Paulsen, officiating. Burial was in the Graceland cemetery in Avoca. Casketbearers were W.C. Pattee, Norman Woltmann, Ron Sornsen, Jack True, Fred Miller, Jr., and Dale Lippold. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.