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Elsie Plautz, 97

July 5, 1906 - Oct. 2, 2003

AVOCA – Elsie Margaret Plautz was born July 5, 1906, near Porter, MN, the daughter of Henry and Margaret Frees Behrens. The family moved to Manning when she was three years old. In her early 20's she moved to Avoca, and worked at John Frees Dry Good Store. She moved to the Kansas City, MO area and worked in domestic service for three years.

Elsie visited Avoca and met Frank Plautz. They were married in Kansas City, Jan. 3, 1934. They settled in Walnut, where her sons, Frank and Roy, were born. They moved to Avoca where her daughter, Alice, was born. Frank died Jan. 29, 1954. She was active in the Trinity Lutheran Church where she made many quilts for Christian Service. She worked for many years in the Avoca Bootery. She lived in the area of town known as the Flats. She moved to the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center in February of 2002. Elsie died at the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center Oct. 2, 2003, at age 97 years, two months and 27 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Frank; her brother, Herman Behrens; two sisters, Selma Knisley and Marie Magnuson; and daughter-in-law, Mary Plautz. She is survived by her children, Frank Plautz of Twin Falls, ID; Roy Plautz (Mariann) of Noblesville, IN; and Alice (Richard) Lugert of Omaha, NE; two grandchildren; four great grandchildren; her sister, Irene Behrens of Avoca; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 6, 2003, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, with Pastor Lou Hoger and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were Miles Hercamp, Tyler Hercamp, Michael Johnson, Joseph Hercamp, Duane Johnson and James Johnson. Pauley Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.
