

Bernice Clarinda Torrey, 99

Oct. 21, 1894 - Aug. 21, 1994

Avoca - Bernice Clarinda Torrey was born in Madison, SD Oct. 21, 1894, the daughter of August W. and Clarinda Annis Stoltzman. She was one of two children in the family. She attended school in Madison and graduated from the University of South Dakota in Madison.

She married Wilbur Torrey April 14, 1917 at Sioux City. They were the parents of two sons, Bill and Larry. In 1941 the family moved to Onawa. She taught kindergarten in Ute. She also operated a Sweet Shop in Ute for a number of years. He died Dec. 1978. In 1979 she moved to Avoca. She became a resident of Peace Haven Retirement Home in Walnut in Jan. 1982. She was an active member of the United Church of Avoca. In Nov. 1993, she became a resident of the Colonial Manors Nursing Home in Avoca, where she died Aug. 21, 1994 at age 99 years and 10 months.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Wilbur, an adopted daughter, Geraldine and a brother, Kenneth Stoltzman. She is survived by her two sons; Bill Torrey (Joanne) of Superior, WI and Larry Torrey (Fran) of Avoca, 8 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 25, 1994 at the United Church of Avoca with Pastor Will Bynagte officiating. Burial was in the St. Clair cemetery, Ute. Casket bearers were: Bill Torrey, Jr., Robert Torrey, David Torrey, Jerry Torrey, David Rollwagen and Bob Ostler. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.