

## Alta Fischer, 84

March 9, 1917 - Feb. 24, 2002

**AVOCA** - Alta Magdalena Cecelia Kohlscheen was born March 9, 1917, in Knox Township, Pottawattamie County, one of two children born to Gustav and Anna Kripke Kohlscheen. After graduating from Avoca High School in May of 1935, she went on to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln for two years.

Alta married Orvie Fischer March 2, 1938. They were the parents of four daughters, Sandra, Sharell, Lucinda and Orvetta. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church since her confirmation in 1931. She was active in many organizations, including the Farm Bureau District Committee, Master Farm Homemaker since 1967, the Red Cross Board of Handicapped Children, Women's Fellowship where she served in all offices, the Salem Lutheran Home Board for five years, served as president of ELCW twice, had served as president of Garden Club and was the co-chairman of the Flower Department for the County Fair for 17 years, a life member of Sigma Kappa Sorority, a member of the Newton Avoca Historical Society and organized the neighborhood women into the Knox Project Club in 1950, a group that still meets monthly. She was interested in her family's genealogy, helping write four family histories. She died Feb. 24, 2002, at the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center at age 84 years, 11 months and 15 days.

Alta's parents; her sister, Elsa; and two grandsons, Jeffery Fritz and Brian Cobb, preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband, Orvie of Avoca; her daughters, Sandra (William) Cobb of Downer's Grove, IL; Sharell (Gene) Fritz of Oakland; Lucinda (Steve) Ozdoba of Suffern, NY and Orvetta (Harry) Priest of Avoca; eight grandchildren and her eight great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 27, 2002, at the Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Lou Hoger and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Melissa Feigenbutz, Laura Delaney, Tara Huff, Stehli Ozdoba, Taryn Fackelman, Judith Kilbury, Stephanie Monahan, Dan Huff, Heather Fritz and Angie Moore. Casket bearers were Greg Fritz, Joel Priest, Rob Kilbury, Gary Feigenbutz, Guthrey Fritz, Jonathan Ozdoba, Dean Monahan and Cliff DeSchamp. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.