

✓ **Ardelle Fresener, 80**

*Aug. 23, 1925 - Sept. 8, 2005*

**WALNUT** — Ardelle Mae Fresener was born near Walnut, Aug. 23, 1925, the daughter of Lester and Margaret Martens Kite, and was one of two daughters in the family. She attended country school and graduated from Walnut High School with the class of 1942.

Ardelle married Robert W. Fresener Dec. 2, 1945, in Walnut. She taught country school for 12 years and in the AvoHa Community School for 30 years. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Drake University in 1965. She retired from teaching in May of 1987. She was a member of Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut, where she taught Sunday School and a member of the Walnut American Legion Auxiliary. She and Robert have been residents at Peace Haven Retirement Home since 1993. She died Sept. 8, 2005, at Creighton Medical Center in Omaha, NE, at age 80 years and 16 days.

Ardelle was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Betty Ann Kite. She is survived by her husband of nearly 60 years, Robert of Walnut; her godchild, Stacy Ridnour-McInay (Eric) of Glenwood; one aunt and cousins.

Funeral services were held Sept. 12, 2005, at the Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut, with Rev. Gail Muckey officiating. Burial was in the Layton Township Cemetery in Walnut. Casket bearers were Don Peters, Robert Matthies, Donnie Bauerkemper, Douglas Matthies, Brett Petersen and Dannie Holtz. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Walnut, in charge of arrangements.