

Alice "Ruth" Hansen, 88

Mar. 7, 1907 - Mar. 24, 1995

Avoca - Alice Ruth Denham was born in Massena March 7, 1907, daughter of Cornelius and Stella Newhouse Denham. She was one of three children.

She married Forrest E. Shaffer of Corning Feb. 21, 1928. Forrest "Shorty" died in 1935. She then moved to Laramie, WY where she ran a beauty salon for many years. She eventually returned to Iowa and worked for a number of years at a dress shop in Atlantic. She retired and then moved to Peace Haven Retirement Home. There she met and married Henry Hansen Nov. 18, 1976. He died in 1982. She continued to live at Peace Haven until 1990, when she was hospitalized and then moved to the Colonial Manors Nursing Home in Avoca. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star from 1938 until 1976. She was also a member of the Peace Church of Walnut. She died at Colonial Manor Nursing Home March 24, 1995, at age 88 years and 17 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, Forrest and Henry, two brothers; Russell and Paul, one niece and two nephews. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Fae Denham of Spokane, WA, three step-daughters, six grand-nieces and two grand-nephews and other relatives.

Graveside services were held March 27, 1995 at the Walnut cemetery with Rev. Doris Ruben officiating.