

Madeline "Madge" Heilig, 90

Nov. 19, 1905 - Feb. 20, 1996 ✓

AVOCA - Madeline Eugenia Heilig was born at Avoca Nov. 19, 1905 the daughter of Eugene and Irene Slaughter Robinson. She attended New Boston and Avoca Schools and graduated from Avoca High School with the class of 1924.

She married Leonard Heilig March 19, 1926 and they spent their entire life in the Shelby/Avoca area. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1976. He died in 1981. During her active farm life she helped with many of the outside chores. Following his death she continued to live on the farm and enjoyed good health with her faithful companion, CoCoa. She died Feb. 20, 1996 at Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Avoca where she had been a resident only 20 days at age 90 years, three months and one day.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Leonard; a daughter, Carol Jean; her stepfather, B.F. Howell; two brothers, Ben and Leo, and two sisters, Virginia Millis and Faye Rodwell. She is survived by her four sons, Donald and Tim of Shelby and Robert and Ted (Judy) of Avoca; 20 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 23, 1996 at the Shelby United Methodist Church with Mr. Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery. Casket bearers were Roger Heilig, Randy Heilig, Chad Heilig, Robin Heilig, Doug Heilig and Mike Hatch. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.