

## Leona Wyatt-Heilig, 79

Nov. 26, 1932 - April 2, 2012

**AVOCA** — Leona Mae Wyatt-Heilig was born on November 26, 1932 in Little Sioux to Thomas and Bertha (Peasley) Fitzsimmons. She attended country school near Little Sioux through the eighth grade.

Leona met Sam Wyatt at a skating rink in Onawa, when she was fifteen years old. September 27, 1948, Leona was united in marriage to Sam in Onawa, when she was sixteen. Nine children were born to them: Beverly, Bill, Patricia, Judy, Tony, Jody, Debra, Jim, and John. They raised their family and moved to the Avoca area in 1968. Sam died in 1990.

Leona was married to Bob Heilig on November 26, 2003, in Wilacy County, TX, where she enjoyed spending the winters. She also liked to fish, play bingo and cards with her friends, gamble and play scratch tickets, and loved going to the casino. She enjoyed her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and tried keeping up with all of their activities. Leona died on Monday, April 2, 2012 at the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center having attained the age of seventy-nine years, four months, and seven days.

Leona was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband Sam, and her brothers Raymond and William. She is survived by her husband Bob Heilig of Avoca; her children: Beverly and her husband Ken Carrier of Belgrade, MT, Bill Wyatt and his wife Chris of Harlan, Patricia and her husband Dave Jorgensen of Avoca, Judy and her husband Ted Heilig of Shelby, Tony Wyatt and his wife Jennifer of Avoca, Jody Wyatt of Corpus Christie, TX, Debra and her husband Neil Paulsen of Avoca, Jim Wyatt and his wife Andrea of Shelby, and John Wyatt of Victoria, TX; thirty-one grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; brother Jackie Hollins and his wife Lori of Little Sioux; other family members and friends.

Wayne Paulsen officiated the 10:30 am funeral service at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca on Saturday, April 7, 2012. Honorary casket bearers were Darrick Carrier, Keith Carrier, James Carrier, Ed Wyatt, Andrew Wyatt and Christian Hunk. Active casket bearers were: Chris Jorgensen, Chad Heilig, Justin Wyatt, Brent Pauley, Jeff Pauley, Eric Wyatt and Kieth Wyatt. Burial was held in the Graceland Cemetery in Avoca.



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