

Marjorie Holst, 87 ✓

June 14, 1919 - Aug. 9, 2006

AVOCA — Marjorie Holst, daughter of W.E. (Bill) and Olive Hambleton Rice, was born June 14, 1919, in Guthrie Center. She was baptized at the Evangelical Reformed Church in Walnut. She attended country schools near Guthrie Center and Guthrie Center High School. She stayed in Guthrie County until she was 16 and then went to work around Des Moines. She came to Avoca the following year, 1936, and worked for her father in a café. This is where Marjorie and Elmer met.

Marge married Elmer T. (Firp) Holst Aug. 22, 1940 in Walnut. They worked at the café after their marriage for \$25.00 a week plus room and board. In March 1941, they moved to a farm two miles south of Walnut where they lived until 1957. During this time they farmed and operated the Homemade Café in Walnut. They were the parents of five children, Carolyn, Terry, Rick, Dave and Marcie. After living south of Walnut for 16 years, they moved to Avoca where they operated the Chatterbox Café for two years. They operated a bakery on the main street of Avoca for a year, then moved the bakery to their home at 705 Cherry Street, which they operated for many years. Marge was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. She became a resident of the Avoca Lodge Assisted Living in May 2005. During a brief stay at the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center she died Aug. 9, 2006, at age 87 years, one month and 26 days.

Marge is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Firp, who died in 1992; her brother, William Richard Rice; an infant sister, Doris Rice; grandsons, Adam Vossler and Joel Holst, great grandson, Ethan Tyler Holst; and son-in-law, Mel Scott. She is survived by her children, Carolyn Scott of Bettendorf; Terry Holst (Elise) of Los Altos, CA; Rick Holst (Charla) of Edmonds, WA; Dave Holst (Ronda) of Avoca; Marcie (John) Vossler of Plymouth, NE; 12 grandchildren, Jeffrey Scott (Shiela); Shaun Scott (Kerrie); Tracy Scott (Brenda); Michael Scott; Brad Holst (Wendi); Jason Holst (Mandy); Jeremy Holst; Marie Holst Neal (Brian); Christina Holst; Allissa Vossler; Amber Vossler and Arik Vossler; eight great grandchildren, Carter and Parker Holst; Sydney and Austin Scott; Benjamin and Taylor Scott; Blake Holst and Ella Scott; sister Margaret Jean Rice Matson of Rotunda West, FL; sisters-in-law, Sharon Rice of Eureka, CA and Lucille Liljegen of Des Moines; special friends, Leo and Lavonne Bargaquast; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 12, 2006, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, with Pastor Dennis Reich officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery. Marge's grandchildren serving as casket bearers were: Jeffrey Scott, Shaun Scott, Tracy Scott, Michael Scott, Brad Holst, Jason Holst, Amber Vossler, Jeremy Holst, Marie Holst Neal, Arik Vossler, Christina Holst and Allissa Vossler. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.