

## **Anna Leach, 100**

*Aug. 14, 1899 – April 29, 2000*

**AVOCA** – Anna Kristiina Pedersen Leach was born Aug. 14, 1899, in Denmark. She was the daughter of Chris M. and Jensine C. Hansen Pedersen and was the oldest of three children in the family. In 1904, when Anna was four, the family immigrated to the United States, settling in Harlan. Anna completed the eighth grade in the Harlan School and then went to work in her father's tailor shop.

She married Herbert Leach of Avoca, July 8, 1918. Dr. Leach was a young veterinarian and they settled in Avoca where "Doc" set up practice and they raised their family of three children, Geraldine, Peggy and Herb. "Doc" died Feb. 7, 1952, and Anna continued living with her daughter, Geraldine, until moving to the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center in January of 1995. She was a member of the United Church of Avoca and when she was younger, was active in the ladies group of the church. She was also a member of the Crochet Club and was still a member of the Garden Club. When she was younger she was active in the Republican Party. She died April 29, 2000, at the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center at age 100 years, eight months and 15 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dr. Herbert Leach; three children, Herbert Leach III; Geraldine Leach and Peggy Eble; and a brother, Daniel Pedersen. She is survived by three grandchildren, Melissa Tuller of Boise, ID; Geoffrey Eble of Salt Lake City, UT; and James Eble of Redondo Beach, CA; her sister, Rose Orth of Shelby; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 4, 2000, at the United Church of Avoca with Reverend Will Bynagte officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were James Eble, Eugene Wendt, Leo Voggesser, Tom True, Gerald Peck and Daryle Bailey. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.