

## Evelyn Lippold, 81

*Dec. 27, 1924 - June 13, 2006*

**AVOCA** — Evelyn Katherine Nelson Lippold, the daughter of Carl Otto and Alma Helen (Maassen) Nelson, was born Dec. 27, 1924, in Valley Township, southeast of Avoca. She was baptized at the Lutheran Church in Avoca. She attended country school and graduated from Avoca High School in 1943. In 1941, the Avoca girls' basketball team, of which Evelyn was a member, qualified for the State Tournament. During World War II she went to Washington, D.C., and worked for the FBI reading fingerprints. She later was employed for the National Red Cross. Evelyn returned to Avoca in 1947 and did housework for families that had sickness or health problems.

Evelyn and Willis Lippold were married Aug. 12, 1949, in Avoca. They raised four children, Steve, Judy, Dale and Cindy. All the children helped on the farm with the haying, chores, thrashing, breaking horses and driving truck for their Grandpa George. Evelyn was in charge of all the cooking, which included cooking for anyone who came to work or visit. When George died, Willis inherited the buildings and the 60 acres where their family resided. Evelyn was employed at the local steakhouse and bakery where she cooked lunch and dinner.

In 1972, Dick Sparrow of Zearing asked Evelyn and Willis to help put a 40-horse hitch together for the Milwaukeee Circus Parade. They took it on the road for five years to parades like the Rose Bowl, Cotton Bowl, Indianapolis, Nashville and New York. Willis was head horseman and lead outrider and Evelyn was head cook for the crew of 50-75 people. The horses were sold in 1978 because they had no sponsor. Willis died May 21, 2000. After the death of her husband, she continued to make her home on the family farm. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, Country Hobby Club, Shelby County Saddle Club and the VFW Auxiliary. In May of 2006, she became a resident of the Atlantic Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Atlantic. It was there that she died June 13, 2006, at age 81 years, five months, and 17 days.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Willis, Evelyn was preceded in death by her brothers and sister, Clifford Nelson, Donald Nelson, and Annabell Nelson. Survivors include her children, Steve Lippold (Debbie) of Avoca; Judy (Fred) Brunner of Ames; Dale Lippold (Melody) of Avoca; Cindy (Shawn) Von Stein of Bondurant; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brothers and sister, Edwin Nelson (Bev) of Atlantic; Laverne Nelson (Judy) of Boise, ID; Helen Nielsen of Walnut; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 16, 2006, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca with Rev. Dennis Reich officiating. Casket bearers were Travis Brunner, Chris Welch, Garrett Von Stein, Jeff Carroll, Kevin Cordes, Brett Lippold and Allen Cordes. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca, in charge of arrangements.