

LaVonne J. Murphy, 74

Oct. 25, 1922 - April 9, 1997

AVOCA - LaVonne Julia Murphy was born at Climbing Hill, Oct. 25, 1922, daughter of Jens and Eleanora Hansen Christensen. She was one of two children in the family. She attended school at Climbing Hill and graduated in 1940.

She married Lloyd Murphy July 14, 1951, at Hastings, MN. They lived near Traer, West Bend, Carroll and Co. Bluffs. In 1979, they moved to Avoca. He died May 16, 1982. She worked at the Embers and cleaned houses. She was a member of the Elderberry Senior Citizens and the United Presbyterian Church. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital April 9, 1997, following a brief illness at age 74 years, five months and 15 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lloyd; two sons, William and Robert Hodges, and a granddaughter, Theresa. She is survived by her three daughters, Judy (Darwin) Thede of Des Moines; Darlene (David) Lydell of Goldfield; Pamela Osuch of Omaha, NE; two sons, David Murphy of Costa Mesa, CA and Patrick Murphy (Kelly) of Garden City, KS; nine grandchildren; two great grandchildren; one sister, Phyllis (Richard) Weathers of Aurelia, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 12, 1997, at the Knutson Funeral Home Chapel, Avoca with Rev. Will Bynagte officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were Joseph Weathers, David Murphy, Darwin Thede, Richard Weathers, Patrick Murphy and Michael Thede.