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Ruth Bernice Niemann, 82

May 28, 1912 - March 12, 1995

Avoca - Ruth Bernice Niemann was born in Pleasant Township, Pottawattamie County, Iowa May 28, 1912. She was the daughter of Alfred and Amanda Kohlscheen Bornholdt. She was the oldest of two children in the family. She attended school in Avoca and graduated in 1929. She attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, Iowa for two years and received her teaching certificate.

She married Edward Niemann March 12, 1932. They made their home on their farm in Pleasant Township. They were the parents of four children. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, the Women's Fellowship of the Church and also the Women's Christian Service. She was active in community organizations, belonging to the Garden Club, Federated Women's Club, Business Women's Club, the Cancer Society, Avoca Museum and a member of the Care Review Committee at the Colonial Manors Nursing Home in Avoca. Ed died Feb. 7, 1973 as a result of a car accident. She died at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan March 15, 1995 at age 82 years, 9 months and 15 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Ed, one son, Rodney and her brother Delmon Bornholdt. Survivors are her children, David Niemann (Janice) of Avoca, Shirley (Wallace) Pattee of Shelby, Sharon (Clifford) Doyle of Loveland, CO, 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, one sister-in-law, Florence Bornholdt, one nephew, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 18, 1995 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca with Pastor Paul Bengtson and Lay Assistant: Mr. Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland cemetery in Avoca. Casket bearers were: Jay Niemann, John Pattee, Dan Doyle, Douglas Niemann, Charles Pattee and Joshua Peterson.