

## Lucille Nauman, 85

*Nov. 21, 1921 - Dec. 7, 2006.*

**AVOCA** — Lucille Lillian Nauman, daughter of Herman and Tina Marie Volkman Melz, was born Nov. 21, 1921, in Minot, ND. She was baptized and confirmed at the German Lutheran Church in Blue Earth, MN. She attended country school in Lakota; graduated from Blue Earth, MN High School and then graduated from business college in Mason City. After college, she worked for the United States military as a cost accountant. She figured the cost of shipping military hardware and other goods to the Pacific War Theater. After the conclusion of the war, she went to work for Cargill in Minneapolis, MN.

Lucille married Paul Nauman in South Haven, MN Feb. 4, 1951, by Paul's father, Rev. Albert Nauman. After their marriage, they lived in Minneapolis where Lucille remained working for Cargill until 1957, when they moved to Blue Earth and eventually to Shelby, in 1968. They were the parents of five children. While living in Shelby, Paul and Lucille ran their own restaurant, the Embers, the first restaurant on Interstate 80 between Omaha and Des Moines. They owned restaurants in Shelby and Underwood, and later built and opened a restaurant in Avoca. They retired from the business in 1980 which was taken over by their son James and his wife. She died at Myrtue Medical Center Dec. 7, 2006, at age 85 years and 16 days.

In addition to her parents, Lucille was preceded in death by her husband, Paul, who died in 1996, and her brothers, Edgar Volkman and Harold Melz. Survivors include her children, James Nauman (Rosann) of Avoca; Gretchen (Larry) Balster of Scottsdale, AZ; Jane Abdullah of Des Moines; Gregory Nauman of Greenville, SC; and Watonia (Kenny) Nolde of San Antonio, TX; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; sisters, Alvina Edwards and Pauline Hidecker; nieces and nephews, and other relatives.

Private family services were held Dec. 11, 2006, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca, with burial in the Shelby Cemetery. Pastor Dennis Reich of the Trinity Lutheran Church officiated. Casket bearers were Jill McMann, Shannon Armstrong, Raini Kyser, Angela Nelson, James Nauman, Jr., and Heather Nauman.