

Inez Nielsen, 76 ✓

July 26, 1930 - Feb. 7, 2007

AVOCA — Inez Irene Nielsen was born July 26, 1930, on the family farm southwest of Avoca. She was the youngest of four children born to Harry and Edith (Wasser) Pond. She attended Pleasant Township #5 country school and graduated from Shelby High School with the class of 1948. Following high school, she worked at the Avoca State Bank.

Inez married Vernon Nielsen April 14, 1950, at the Congregational Church in Avoca. Later that same year they moved to Riverton, WY, and relocated several times because of Vernon's road construction jobs. They were the parents of two daughters, Sharon and April. They moved back to Iowa in 1954, living in Harlan, Cherokee and then resettling in Avoca in 1956. Inez started working at the East Pottawattamie County Courthouse in Avoca after her daughters were of school age. She worked in the clerk's office then at the Sheriff's office in Avoca and the Pottawattamie County Sheriff's office in Council Bluffs after the Avoca courthouse closed. She retired in 1989 after 25 years with the Sheriff's Department. Inez was a member of the United Church of Avoca. She died at the Creighton Medical Center in Omaha, NE Feb. 7, 2007, at age 76 years, six months and 12 days.

Besides her parents, Inez was preceded in death by her daughter, Sharon, in 1985. She is survived by her husband, Vernon of Avoca; her daughter, April Nielsen (Tom) Bauch of Chetek, WI; two grandchildren, Angelene and Jacob Bauch; two sisters, Eleanor Graves and Margaret Nielsen (Eugene), all of Harlan; one brother, Maurice Pond of Omaha, NE; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 10, 2007, at the United Church of Avoca with Rev. Nancy Ross-Hullinger officiating. Casket bearers were Jacob Bauch, Gary Nielsen, Jason Kenney, Simon Nielsen, Curtis Nielsen and Ethan Nielsen. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery, Avoca. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.