

Ruth Rock, 83

Dec. 13, 1920 - Jan. 26, 2004

AVOCA – Ruth Adele Johnson Rock was born in Pleasant Township, Dec. 13, 1920, daughter of Clarence and Alma Neve Johnson. She had one brother. Ruth had lived in and around Avoca all her life. She was a graduate of Avoca High School and went on to Iowa State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls, where she majored in elementary education. She came back to Avoca and taught in the Avoca Public School System for six years.

Ruth married Oscar H. Rock Dec. 23, 1942, at the First Lutheran Church in Avoca. They were the parents of two daughters. She taught Sunday School and Bible School, was a member of Band Boosters, helped with Junior Choir at church, and any place else that she was needed. Oscar and Ruth worked to make Avoca a better place to live. She was active in the Trinity Lutheran Church, Superintendent of the Art Department at the Pottawattamie County Fair, Charter member of Avoca Federated Women's Club, a member of the Legion Auxiliary, past president of PEO, on the original centennial committee, in a birthday club and various bridge clubs. She died Jan. 26, 2004, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 83 years.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Oscar, in 1983; and brother, Ronald Jonson. She is survived by her daughter, Kay (Harry) Olsen of Glenwood; daughter, Marcia (Darrell) Jacobsen of Hancock; grandchildren, Jeffrey Olsen and his friend, Kourtney of Omaha; Jeremy and Sandy Olsen of Zeeland, Netherlands; Angela and Bonnie Jacobsen of Hancock; and great granddaughter, Bailey; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 30, 2004, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, with Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were Gary Johnson, Ron McKinney, Fred Rock, Rich McKinney, Everette Carroll and David Boettger. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.