

## **Alvena Russmann, 99**

*Nov. 19, 1900 – Dec. 31, 1999*

**AVOCA** – Alvena C. Russmann was born in Pleasant Township, Pottawattamie County, Nov. 19, 1900, daughter of John and Margaret Ploehn Russmann. She was one of five children in the family. She attended country school and the Avoca High School before she quit school to help her mother in the care of the family. Vena stayed at home to care for her parents and after their death she continued living on the farm with her brother, Herman. After his death in 1973, she continued living on the farm. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca as well as both the VFW and the American Legion Auxiliaries. In November of 1988, she moved to the Peace Haven Retirement Home in Walnut where she remained until June of 1999, when she became a resident of the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center. She died at the Center Dec. 31, 1999, at age 99 years, one month and 12 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Mary Paine; and her three brothers, Herman, Adolph and Albert. She was also preceded in death by two half-brothers, Fred and Chris Russmann; and one half-sister, Recca Rock. She is survived by nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 4, 2000, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Pastor John Rinde and Mr. Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Larry Kennett, David Thies, Richard Lewis, Jon Thies, Phil Hobus and Robert Russmann. Casket bearers were Stan Thies, Brian Young, James Russmann, David Thies, Roger Hobus, Chris Russmann and Tom Russmann. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.