

Laura Christena Sick, 86 ✓

March 7, 1910 - Nov. 5, 1996

AVOCA - Laura Christena Sick was born near Walnut March 7, 1910, daughter of Thomas and Mary Christian Harmsen. She was one of 12 children in the family.

She married Elmer Ingwersen April 4, 1930. They were the parents of three children. Two of the children died at birth and their daughter, Ethel Mae, died Dec. 6, 1978. She worked for Schrim Produce in Walnut for a number of years. They operated a tavern in Walnut. He died May 27, 1962.

She continued to operate the tavern for a time until she married Herbert Sick Feb. 25, 1966. They made their home on his farm west of Avoca. She moved to Peace Haven Retirement Home in Walnut where she lived for two years. He died Oct. 14, 1991. In 1992, she became a resident of the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Avoca. She died at the home Nov. 5, 1996, at age 86 years, seven months and 28 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Elmer and Herb; her three children; six sisters, Emma Wiechman, Pauline Walter, Marie Christensen, Anna Petersen, Mary Jane (Betty) Holtz and Esther Holtz; four brothers, Nicholas in infancy, John, Harry and Paul. She is survived by her four grandchildren, Russell (Debbie) LeRette of St. Joseph, MO; Jim (Sherry) LeRette of Bethany, MO; Roger (Tammi) LeRette of Blue Springs, MO; and Mrs. Jim (Janie) Selby of Ridgeway, MO; 10 great grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Vernon (Leona) Petersen of Atlantic and Clara Boesel of Wahoo, NE; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 8, 1996, at the Peace United Church, Walnut, with Rev. Doris Ruben and Mr. Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Casket bearers were Arnie Sampson, Darrell Petersen, Richard Holtz, Richard Gardner, Dannie Holtz and Earl Mutum. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.