

## LaVerta Schoening, 83

*June 15, 1916 - March 12, 2000*

**MINDEN** - LaVerta June Jensen Schoening was born June 15, 1916, in Marne, daughter of William and Anna D. Skow Fischer. She was one of two children in the family. She attended school in Walnut, and graduated from Walnut High School May 23, 1935.

She married Elmer Jensen March 16, 1938. She worked as the bookkeeper and was co-owner of the Jensen Service Station in Minden. They were the parents of three children, Richard, Carol and Roger. They retired Jan. 1, 1979, after 40 years, when Elmer's health started to fail. After Elmer's death in 1980, she became active as a volunteer at Jennie Edmondson Hospital.

This is where she met Milton Schoening and later married him Jan. 14, 1989. LaVerta continued being a volunteer at the hospital for 15 years. Milton and LaVerta continued with their volunteer work. They were active at the Council Bluffs Senior Center. In September of 1996, they moved to the Assisted Living Apartments at Risen Son Christian Village due to their failing health. Milton died Feb. 2, 1998. She was a former member of the United Church of Christ in Minden, and was active in the Women's Fellowship for many years. She was currently a member of the First Congregational Church in Council Bluffs, and attended Christian Women's Club on a regular basis. She died March 12, 2000, at the Risen Son Christian Village in Council Bluffs, at age 83 years, eight months and 28 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Elmer Jensen and Milton Schoening. She is survived by her children, Richard Jensen (Judy) of Minden; Carol (Duwayne) Doty of Council Bluffs and Roger Jensen of Iowa City; a brother, Willard Fischer (Frances) of Springfield, OR; two stepdaughters, Ruth Elaine Schoening of Littleton, CO and Kathleen Ludwig of Buffalo, NY; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren; two step grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 17, 2000, at the Minden United Church of Christ with Pastor Will Reger and Pastor David Borden officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery. Casket bearers were Jim Berry, Jim Jensen, Dennis Jensen, Cliff Berry, Tom Jensen and Robert Anderson. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.