

Joyce Stearns, 80

Nov. 11, 1925 - Oct. 9, 2006

AVOCA — Joyce Nadine Stearns, the oldest daughter of Clarence and Vera Bradley Enfield, was born Nov. 11, 1925 in Kansas City, MO. She attended grade school in Norcater, KS and high school in Wilsonville, NE, graduating with the class of 1944. She then went to work for the Duckwall Store for two years before getting married.

Joyce married Herbert Stearns Dec. 25, 1947, in Hendley, NE. After their marriage their first home was in Walnut, until moving to a farm near Avoca. To this union three daughters were born, Kay, Linda, and Susan. In 1962, Joyce and Herb bought a dairy farm in Hallsville, MO. They resided there for three years before moving back to Avoca where they owned and operated Stearns Drive-In and the Y-Motel on the north edge of Avoca. Joyce was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church. She died Oct. 9, 2006, at Atlantic Nursing and Rehab Center at age 80 years, 10 months and 28 days.

Joyce is preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Herbert of Atlantic; her children, Kay (Duane) Winston of Atlantic; Linda (Steve) Sornsen of Ames; and Susan (Larry) Madsen of Kansas City, MO; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three sisters, Ermalea Mason of Norton, KS; Marilyn Martin Beaver City, NE; and her twin sister, Veryl Saine of Colorado Springs, CO; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 12, 2006 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, with Pastor Dennis Reich and Mr. Wayne Paulsen officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Katie Winston, Ashley Sornsen, Brooke Sornsen and Mallory Sornsen. Casket bearers were Nathan Winston, Erik Madsen, Grant Miller, Derek Winston, Todd Mason, Aaron Deardorff, Don Tylkowski and Eric Johnson. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery, Avoca. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca, in charge of arrangements.