

Katie Waddell, 93

March 4, 1907 – Oct. 16, 2000 ✓

AVOCA – Katie Louise Waddell was born March 4, 1907, in James Township, Pottawattamie County, the daughter of William and May Young Scheffler, and was one of six children in the family. Katie was baptized in the Methodist Church in Hancock, and later confirmed in the Lutheran Church in Avoca. She attended Valley Center Country School No. 5 through the eighth grade. She worked as a hired girl for families in the area and also at home.

She married Elton "Ted" Waddell May 1, 1936, in Papillion, NE. After their marriage, they moved to the family farm east of Hancock. Ted died in August 1977, and later that fall Katie moved to her home in Avoca. She died Oct. 16, 2000, after a short illness at the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center in Avoca, at age 93 years, seven months and 12 days.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents and three brothers, Arthur, Elmer and Herman. She is survived by her brothers, John Scheffler (Clara) of Avoca and Raymond Scheffler (Delma) of Monroe, WA; two sisters-in-law, Viola Waddell of Harlan and Wilma Pitzer of Apple Valley, CA; one brother-in-law, Harold Waddell of Omaha, NE; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 18, 2000, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Lay Assistant Mr. Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Hancock. Casket bearers were John Scheffler, Jr., Donald Scheffler, Ralph Pierce, Bruce Waddell, Bill Scheffler, Charles Ronnfeldt, Jim Scheffler, Steven Pierce and Dean Finken. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.
