

Alvena Wattier, 92

March 26, 1915 - June 28, 2007

RANDOLPH, NE — Alvena Helena Maria Wattier was born March 26, 1915, on her parents' farm 4.25 miles south of Randolph, NE, the only child of Henry and Emma (Albrecht) Engelbart. She attended school in District #28, SE, located south of Randolph, NE, where she completed the eighth grade. She then helped her parents on their farm south of Randolph, NE, in Wayne County. In 1929, the family moved to Randolph, NE, while Alvena's mother convalesced. The family returned to their farm in 1931 - a farm that is currently occupied by a 4th generation of Alvena's family.

Alvena married Walter Ludwig Wattier Feb. 28, 1938, at St. Frances de Chantal Catholic Church in Randolph, NE. The couple then purchased her parents' farm where they lived until 1983, when the couple moved to Hadar, NE. They moved to the Colonial Manor in Randolph, NE, in 1996. She was a member of St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph, NE, at St. Frances Circle #3, Kountry Klub Extension Club, and an assistant leader of A & E Girls 4-H Club. She died June 28, 2007, at the Colonial Manor in Randolph, NE, at age 92.

Alvena is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Walter, Dec. 5, 2001. She is survived by her seven children, Gerald and Kay Wattier of Hoskins, NE; Russell Wattier of Tacoma, WA; Ellen (Richard) Bermel and Francis (Susan) Wattier of Randolph, NE; Mila (Gary) Anderson of Coleridge, NE; Kenneth Wattier of Randolph, NE; Sharon (Tom) Sanford of Norfolk, NE; 16 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held July 3, 2007, at St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph, NE, with Rev. John Andrews officiating. Burial was in St. Frances Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were her grandchildren, Kelli Sovereign, Brandi Fuchs, Michelle Backer, Sonya Maas, Misti Anderson, Karie West, and all of Alvena's great-grandchildren. Casket bearers were Kurt Wattier, Dan Wattier, Charlie Wattier, Jeff Bermel, Cory Bermel, Dean Wattier, Dean Anderson, Dale Sanford, Randy Wattier, and Heath Sanford. Johnson's Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.