

Virginia West, 80

Sept. 21, 1921 – Nov. 30, 2001

AVOCA – Virginia Irene West was born Sept. 21, 1921, in Norfolk, NE, daughter of Warren Robert and Lucretia Garfield Blackstone Hall. She graduated from high school in Norfolk and then attended Iowa State College. She accepted a teaching position at the school in Avoca. It was after she moved to Avoca that she met her then-to-be husband, Norman West, who came home from medical school on the weekends.

Dr. Norman D. West and Virginia were married Aug. 5, 1944. To this union three sons were born, Allen, Roger and Robert. Virginia was a homemaker. She was active in P.E.O., the Avoca Garden Club, Legion Auxiliary and the United Church of Avoca. Virginia also taught painting classes in her home and judged flowers at the East Pottawattamie County Fair. She died suddenly at her home in Avoca Nov. 30, 2001, at age 80 years, two months and nine days.

Her parents and her husband, Dr. Norman D. West, who died in June of 1983, preceded her in death. She is survived by her sons, Allen of Avoca; Roger of Arvada, CO and Robert (Patricia) of Granger; four grandchildren, Jason, Jennifer, Ryan and Justin; one great granddaughter, Grace; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 3, 2001, at the United Church of Avoca with Lay Minister Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were John Berthusen, Willard Olesen, Joe Davis III, J.C. Olesen, Wayne Nelsen and Tom True. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.