

Anna Short, 89

April 8, 1917 - Oct. 2, 2006

SHELBY — Anna Christine Nielsen Short was born in Monroe Township, Shelby County, April 8, 1917, daughter of Danish immigrants, Niels and Agnes Koenig Nielsen. She graduated from Underwood High School with the class of 1936.

Anna married Alvin Short Jan. 12, 1941. They were the parents of five children, John, Neal, Joann, Carolyn, and LeRoy. She was a bookkeeper for their Corley Service Station, a cook for Shelby-Tennant School, and a homemaker. Alvin died in 1992; they had been married for 51 years. She was an active member of the Shelby American Legion Auxiliary, the Red Hat Club, Shelby United Lutheran Church, and Shelby Senior Citizens' Friendship Club. She died Oct. 2, 2006, at the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center at age 89 years, five months, and 24 days.

Anna was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Alvin; a granddaughter, Tiffany; and great-granddaughter, Ella. She is survived by her sister, Ethel (Vernus) Peters of Avoca; her sons, John Short (Carol) of Carmel, IN; Neal Short of Racine, WI; and LeRoy Short (Tracy) of Independence, MO; her daughters, Joann Short-Cohea of Ames, and Carolyn (Dwight) Kelley of Russell, MN; 11 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 6, 2006, at the United Lutheran Church in Shelby, with Pastor Duane Anunson officiating. Burial was in the Neola Cemetery with Vernus Peters, Colin Short, Rod Robinson and Mason Short honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were John Short, Neal Short, LeRoy Short, Jason Short, Jon Short and Cole Short casket bearers. Knutson Family Chapel in charge of arrangements.