

Clara Sievers, 82

Aug. 25, 1918 – Oct. 30, 2000

AVOCA – Clara Mae Sievers was born Aug. 25, 1918, at Avoca, the daughter of Larry and Mabel Hildebrand Woodall, and was one of three children in the family. She attended school in Avoca, graduating from Avoca High School in 1936. Following graduation, she worked for the Iowa State Telephone Company for 10 years.

She married Ralph "Dane" Sievers Aug. 28, 1946, in Salina, KS. They farmed for Earl Sievers and were the parents of 11 children. Ralph died Dec. 28, 1974. She moved to Avoca in 1974, and babysat for many families in the area. She worked at the Avoca Day Care and was a substitute manager at the Elderberry Senior Center in Avoca. She was a member of the United Church of Avoca. Clara wrote many poems. She died Oct. 30, 2000, at the Cass County Memorial Hospital at age 82 years, two months and five days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ralph; a daughter, Donna Jean in 1961; and a son, Max in 1996. She is survived by six sons, Doug (Sheri) of Des Moines; Dick (Sue) of Remsen; Walter (Rose) of Walnut; Jim (Pat) of Avoca; Don (Suzanne) of Jefferson; and Gary of Walnut; three daughters, Verla (Larry) Smith of Council Bluffs; Janelle (Richard) Brei of West Bend, WI and Sheryl (Dr. Ramesh) Patwardhan of Savannah, GA; a daughter-in-law, Mary Kay Sievers of Avoca; 22 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; a brother, Art Woodall (Margie) of Port Neches, TX; and a sister, IdaBelle Sievers of Buckley, WA; nieces, nephews and other relatives.