

Mrs Jessie E. Petersen, 79

Elk Horn — Jessie Evangelina Petersen, daughter of Lawrence and Clara Boose Petersen, was born on a farm in Emmet county on Dec. 25, 1899. She lived in the Elk Horn and Exira vicinities while growing up and attended country school near Exira. On Oct. 17, 1917, she married Daniel Petersen at her mother's home. Five children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed near Poplar and Kimballton. They were privileged to celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary this past Oct.

Mrs Petersen became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn early in Jan. of this year. She died at Nebraska Methodist hospital in Omaha, Neb., on Jan. 25, 1979, at age 79 years. She had been a member of the West Exira Seventh Day Adventist church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by an infant son; a brother, Merlin; and by a sister, Florence. Survivors include her husband, Dan Petersen of Kimballton; a son, Ronald Petersen of Kimballton; three daughters - Florence Rasmussen of Seattle, Wash., Verda (Mrs John Keefer) of Los Altos Hills, Calif.; and Marilyn (Mrs Douglas Gray) of Irwin; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter; by two brothers - Leonard Petersen of Hermosa Beach, Calif., and Evans Petersen of San Leandro, Calif.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan, on Monday, Jan. 29, 1979 with Pastor Phil Blackburn of the West Exira Seventh Day Adventist church officiating. Burial was in the Jacksonville cemetery with Leroy Sand, Wesley Peterson, LuVerne Petersen, John H. Rasmussen, Franklin Rasmussen and Russell E. Petersen serving as casketbearers.

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