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Matilda M. Petersen, 92

Matilda Margrite Petersen, known to all as Tillie, the daughter of Maddes and Ann Margaret Hansen Smidt, was born May 13, 1891 in Elk Horn. She was baptized at the Danish Lutheran church in Elk Horn. She attended country schools and grew to adulthood on her parents farm. After school she worked as a seamstress and housekeeper for a few years.

On Aug. 13, 1914, she married Peter Petersen at Harlan. In addition to the three children born to this union, they raised their nephew, Leland Smidt due to the death of his mother. They farmed near Rorbeck and Jacksonville, until they retired in 1950 and moved into Harlan.

After Mr Petersen died on April 27, 1958, she continued to live in Harlan, and in 1972, she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home. She lived there until 1975, when she moved to the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn. This has been her home since that time.

She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran church in Jacksonville. She died at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn on Thursday, Aug. 11, 1983 at the age of 92 years, 2 months and 29 days.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters. She is survived by two sons, Vernon of Harlan and Leland Smidt of Guthrie Center; two daughters, Ruth Jean (Mrs Orville K.) Hansen of Audubon and Eunice (Mrs James) Kemp of Atlantic; 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and others relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Bethlehem Lutheran church in Jacksonville on Saturday, Aug. 13, 1983 with Pastor A. Dahle of Ebenezer Lutheran as the officiant.

Burial was in the Jacksonville cemetery, Jacksonville with Todd Kay, Dan Dugan, Joel Simms, Mark Smidt, Larry Smidt and Jim Chambers serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.