

Margie Mae Andersen, 74

March 2, 1926 – July 20, 2000

KIRKMAN, – Margie Mae Andersen, daughter of John Mathew and Ethel Mae (McNear) Petersen, was born March 2, 1926, in rural Kirkman. She attended school in Kirkman, and later, in 1969, received her GED.

Jan. 16, 1949, in Harlan she married Lawrence Levi Andersen. The couple moved to a farm located 2 1/2 miles northeast of Harlan, and lived there until 1981, when she moved into town. Levi died March 12, 1981, in Harlan. In 1971, she graduated from Iowa Western Community College's Licensed Practical Nurse program. She worked for 13 years as an LPN at Myrtue Memorial Hospital, and later for two years as plant nurse for Oakland Beef in Oakland. From 1986-1997, she was employed by the Shelby County Monument Company in Harlan. She then spent a year working at the Harlan Public Library until her health forced her to retire. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. She died, July 20, 2000, at her Kirkman home at age seventy-four years, four months, and 18 days.

Preceding Margie in death were her father; her husband, Levi; one son, Jimmy Andersen; and two brothers, Lester Petersen and Edward J. Petersen. Survivors include her mother, Ethel Goans of Kirkman; three sons, Larry (Michele) Andersen and Gail Andersen, both of Kirkman, and Andrew (Angie) Andersen of Omaha, NE; one daughter, Connie (Lyle) Behrens of Harlan; two brothers, Richard O. (Doris) Peterson and Glen C. Petersen, both of Harlan; one half-brother, Sonny Goans of Kirkman; three half-sisters, Rose (Gene) Henderson of Harlan, Mary Ann Plott of Co Bluffs, and Charlotte (Harry) Bledsoe of Avoca; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held, July 23, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastor Jon Benson and Pastor Heather Becklin officiating. Casket bearers were Larry Klein, Tim O'Neill, Steven Barratt, Allan Thompson, LaVon Christensen, and Raymond W. Andersen. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Bumeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.