

Norma Molgaard, 75

Oct. 10, 1926 – Feb. 6, 2002

ELK HORN – Norma Virginia Molgaard, daughter of George and Esther (Dahl) Petersen, was born Oct. 10, 1926, in rural Elk Horn. She was baptized in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church, and April 6, 1941, was confirmed there. She was raised on a farm west of Elk Horn. After graduating from Elk Horn High School in 1943, Norma attended business school in Omaha.

Oct. 11, 1946, she married James Meryn Molgaard in Audubon. Meryn and Norma farmed in the Elk Horn area. Through the years, she had worked at Mutual of Omaha, Shelby County State Bank, Elk Horn-Kimballton Community Schools, and the Mame-Elk Horn Telephone Company. She was a lifelong member of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church, where she had served as a Bible School and Sunday School teacher. After retirement, she learned to crochet, and sold crocheted and craft items in the Elk Horn area. She died Feb. 6, 2002, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 75 years, three months and 27 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents and one brother, Phillip Petersen. Survivors include her husband of 55 years, James "Meryn" Molgaard of Elk Horn; one son, Jim Molgaard of Alameda, CA; two daughters, Judy Martin of Muncie, IN and Jeanine (Ellic) Vaden of Lakewood, CA; one sister, Irene Nissen of Cedar Falls; one brother, Gordon (Darlene) Petersen of Council Bluffs; six grandchildren, Jaci Vaden, Megan Martin, Nathan Martin, Ashley Martin, Jennifer Molgaard and James Molgaard; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Feb. 9, 2002, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Williams and Celeste Waymire, AIM, officiating. Casket bearers were Bret Petersen, Ted Stenberg, Curtis Jensen, Lynn Nelson, Ross Mardesen and Bruce Poldberg. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery. The Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.