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Agnes Pedersen, 92

Nov. 12, 1899 — March 9, 1992

HARLAN — Agnes Pedersen, daughter of Peder and Anna Katherine (Nasby) Pedersen was born Nov. 12, 1899, near Elk Horn. She graduated from Harlan High School in 1920, and from 1920 to 1921, she taught school in Fairview twp. in Shelby county. In 1922, she taught school at Crescent, and from 1923 to 1927, at Oelwein. From 1928 to 1930, she was a teacher in the Sioux Falls Public School System at Sioux Falls, S.D. She then taught in the Lincoln and Monroe Township School system in Shelby county, and attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, receiving her BA in Education in 1935. She then taught school in 1936 at Bluffs Center School in Bluff Center, before moving to Window Rock, AZ., in 1937. For the next several years she taught in Indian Schools for the U.S. Government Indian Service in N.M., and in 1943, she received her Masters Degree in Education from Northern AZ. University. From 1941 to 1966, she taught in the Winslow Public Schools in Winslow, AZ.

After retiring from teaching in 1966, she moved back to Harlan to make her home. In 1978, she became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn, and this has been her home since that time. She died March 9, 1992, at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital, at age 92 years, three months, and 26 days. She was a charter member of First Baptist Church in Harlan, and was a member of Ruby Chapter No. 3, Order of Eastern Star. May 13, 1981, she was honored to be chosen Ms. Southwest Iowa Nursing Home Queen.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, William, Peter, James, Henry Thorwald, George, and Wilford; and her sisters, Antine, Ida, Edna, Esther, and Lillian. She is survived by a brother-in-law, Eddie Petersen of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 11, 1992, at the Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Stephen Gronseth, Chaplain of the Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with James Keres, Floyd Andersen, Reuel Andersen, Marvin Pedersen, Dewey R. Andersen, and Dave Ahrenholtz, casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.