

Elva Peters, 79

July 10, 1915 - Jan. 23, 1995

Avoca - Elva Peters was born in Avoca July 10, 1915. She was the daughter of Carl and Maren Andersen Gustafsen. She was one of twelve children in the family. She attended school in Avoca and graduated in 1932.

She married Leonard Peters Aug. 17, 1938 at Storm Lake. They lived on the Peters' family farm near Shelby. They were the parents of two children; Dennis and Linda. They moved southeast of Avoca in 1961 and remained there until 1983, when they moved to Avoca. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. She served as Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star Chapter in Avoca and was presently a member of Lebanon Chapter #8 of the Order of the Eastern Star in Harlan. She also served as a Family Living Coordinator. He died Sept. 26, 1993. They had been married for more than 55 years. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital Jan. 23, 1995 after suffering an apparent heart attack at her home in Avoca, at age 79 years, six months and 15 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Leonard, four brothers; Daniel, Chris, Fred and Carl, seven sisters; Esther Nelsen, Anna Sarvis, Lena Wiese, Emma Sorensen, Sara Jacobsen, Christinia Christensen and Lilly Burgin. She is survived by her children; Dennis Peters of Omaha, NE and Linda (Tom) Schumacher of Harlan, four grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 26, 1995 at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca with Pastor Paul Bengtson officiating. Burial was in the Graceland cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were: Carolyn Spencer, Bonnie Harrington, Rosemary Sewing, Leona Piittman, Alice Botcher, Marcella Caughell, Ernestine Hiley and Lotus Paulsen. Casket bearers were: Bill Johnson, Harley Spencer, Norman Trede, Lavern Botcher, Marven Sewing and Robert Burgin. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.