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Elva Petersen, 89

ELK HORN - Elva Viola Petersen, the daughter of Charlie and Larsena (Larsen) Nelson was born Dec. 23, 1899, on a farm in Fairview Twp., Shelby Co. She died on Dec. 4, 1989 at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn at age 89 years, 11 months and 11 days. At the age of one year, she moved with her family to Jackson Twp. She was baptized in Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville and attended Jackson #2 country school.

On Dec. 27, 1917, she married Hans Petersen at Atlantic. They were the parents of two sons. After their marriage, they lived on the farm until 1945, when they moved to Jacksonville where she worked as a telephone operator. In 1950, they moved to Harlan. After the death of Hans in Jan. of 1971, she continued to live in Harlan until 1979, when she became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran church in Jacksonville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three brothers, Elmer, Leonard and Peter; and a grandson, Larry Petersen. Surviving are two sons, Earl of Harlan and Virgil of Sylmar, CA.; six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; five sisters, Florence Petersen of Kimballton; Edia Marsh, Nettie Nelson and Louise Groman all of Elk Horn and Frances Wendt of Avoca; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 7, 1989 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville with Pastor Oliver S. Solberg, officiating. Burial was in Jacksonville cemetery with Ron Doonan, Mike Jensen, Lloyd Nelson, Ronald Wendt, Wayne Petersen and Ernest Petersen serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.