

Leona Petersen, 73

EXIRA - Leona Petersen, the daughter of Andrew P. and Lena S. Jensen Petersen was born in Oakfield Twp., west of Exira and died at the Friendship Home at age of 73 years, 3 months and 29 days. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church west of Exira. She attended rural school in Exira Twp., graduated from Exira High School Class of 1931 and graduated from Simpson College at Indianola with a teaching degree.

She taught rural school in Oakfield and Hamlin Twps. for several years and in the schools of Exira, Harlan and Storm Lake for a total of 42 years in her career before retiring in 1980. She made her home with her brother, Nels J. Petersen, west of Exira until she became a resident of the Friendship Home in March of 1988. She was a member of the Exira Lutheran Church and very active in the workings of the church, a member of The Retired Teachers Association in Atlantic; and the Garden Club and Fire Arts Club in Exira.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her brothers, Elmer and James L. Petersen and her nephew, Dave Petersen. Survivors include her brothers, Nels J. Petersen of Exira and Leo C. and his wife, Evelyn R. Petersen of Brayton; her sisters-in-law, Ruth Petersen of Exira; her nieces and nephews; her uncle, Jens C. Petersen of Atlantic; one great niece; eight great nephews, cousins and other relatives.