

Melvin L. Petersen, 77

May 29, 1914 — May 17, 1992

KIRKMAN — Melvin Leslie Petersen, son of Chris and Anna (Larsen) Petersen was born May 29, 1914, at Elk Horn. He died May 17, 1992, at the Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha, at age 77 years, 11 months, and 18 days. As a young boy, the family moved to Kimballton, where he attended grade school in both Kimballton and Elk Horn. Later they moved to Avoca, where he graduated from the Avoca High School in 1932. After school, he was in the Civilian Conservation Corp Camps in MN., and later in AR., where he worked as a mechanic. Later, he returned to the Avoca area and became employed in trucking to the east coast. He also was employed in the Avoca Post Office.

June 1, 1941, he married Evelyn Michaelson at The Little Brown Church in Nashua. They lived all their married life on the home farm in Polk twp., and two children were born to this union. He was active in the Shelby County Farm Bureau, Long Branch Watershed, and Shelby County Cattleman's Association. He served on the Irwin Kirkman School board, and the board of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville where he had been a member for many years. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last June.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Mr Enid Detjens. Surviving is his wife, Evelyn of Kirkman; a son, Marlin Petersen, also of Kirkman; a daughter, Dr. Donna K. Nelson (Ralph) of Omaha, NE.; two grandchildren; a brother, Russell (Patricia) Petersen of Harlan; two nieces, one nephew and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 20, 1992, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Harrison J. Kline of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, officiating. Burial was in the Redline cemetery, with Donald Dahlof and Bill Bartelson honorary casketbearers. Casketbearers were Rod Larsen, Amund Ohms, LeRoy Heese, Jerry Hansen, Gary Randeris, and Alyn Bartelson. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.