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Signe Regina Petersen, 86

EXIRA - Signe Regina Petersen, daughter of Frederick and Maren Sorensen Back was born Aug. 19, 1903, near Exira. She attended country school and grew to adulthood on her parents' farm. She was baptized and confirmed in the St. John's Lutheran Church near Exira. After graduating from the Exira High School and Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls, she taught school for nine years.

June 9, 1932, she married Elmer A. Petersen and moved to Harlan. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Harlan, Lebanon Chapter No. 8, Order of the Eastern Star of Harlan and the Myrtue Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She died July 21, 1990, at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan at age 86 years, 11 months and two days.

In addition to her parents; her husband, Elmer in 1970, she was preceded in death by a brother, Chris Back and sister, Minnie Hansen. Survivors include her children, Irene E. Campbell of Oakton, VA., and Paul F. and Ruth Petersen of Greenville, N.C.; two granddaughters; three sisters, Inger and Hattie Back of Exira and Helga Fulton of Garden Grove, CA.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 24, 1990 at the Burmeister Funeral Home with Rev. Otto Zwanziger officiating. Burial was in the St. John's cemetery near Exira, with John Jessen, F.M. Petersen, Robert Bertsch, Marvin Kyndesen, Lavon Christensen and Dr. Gary Jorgensen serving as casketbearers.