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Viola Petersen, 64

JACKSONVILLE - Viola Mae Petersen, daughter of Charles and Bertha (Johnson) Sutton, was born on a farm in Douglas Township, Shelby County, on December 14, 1923. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, on July 17, 1988, at age 64 years, seven months, and three days. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. At the age of eight years, she moved with her family to Harlan from Kansas, and attended Harlan Community School.

On September 27, 1945, she married Leon V. Petersen at Jefferson. Five children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed Southwest of Jacksonville, and this has been their home all their married life. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, the Hope Circle, and was a long time Sunday School and Bible School teacher.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her step-father, Mike Hansen. Surviving her is her husband, Leon V. Petersen of Harlan; two sons, Kenneth of Gilbert, and Rick of Dallas Center; three daughters, Linda (Mrs Norval) Larson of Harlan, Sheryl (Mrs Greg) Cadwell of Manilla, and Karen Petersen of Harlan; 12 grandchildren; her mother, Bertha Hansen of Harlan; two brothers, Harvey Sutton of Harlan, and Stanley Sutton of Joplin, Missouri; one sister, Violette Hanson of Harlan; nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were July 19, 1988, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, with Pastor Oliver S. Solberg officiating. Burial was in Jacksonville Cemetery with Carl Sutton, Jim Hansen, David Sutton, Jim Petersen, Garey Knudsen, and Darrell Krohn serving as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.