

Elsie Betty Peterson, 93

Nov. 7, 1900 - April 29, 1994

Shelby - Elsie Betty Peterson was born near Underwood, Nov. 7, 1900, the daughter of Nels and Alice Driver Benson. She was one of two children in the family. She attended country school near her home.

She married Henry Peterson Sept. 29, 1920 at the St. Paul's Lutheran church in Boomer Township. They farmed near Underwood for a few years and then moved to their farm near Honey Creek. They moved to their farm near Shelby in 1945. They were the parents of four children. They moved to their home in Shelby in 1977. She was active in the Shelby Lutheran Church and the Women's Fellowship of the Church. Henry died Sept. 19, 1979. She remained in her home in Shelby until Oct. 17, 1988, when she moved to the Bethany Lutheran Home in Co. Bluffs. She died at the Home April 29, 1994 at age 93 years, five months and 20 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Henry, two sons: Chester and Wayne and a brother, Willard Benson. She is survived by her children: Genevieve Peters of Omaha and Merlin Peterson (Marlene) of Denver, CO, her daughter-in-law, Irene Peterson of Shelby, 13 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 2, 1994 at the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, Shelby with Pastor Stan Nielsen officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were: William Constable and Kenneth Kern. Casket bearers were: Mark Peters, Leslie Peterson, Garland Peterson, Keith Peterson, Clark Peterson and Jon Peterson. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.