

## **Bernice Nadine Petersen, 73**

*April 25, 1927 – May 23, 2000*

**KIMBALLTON** – Bernice Nadine, daughter of Theodore and Eve Lund Mortensen, was born April 25, 1927, on a farm in Sharon Township, Audubon County. She attended several country schools in Audubon County before attending Audubon High School. She received her Normal Training while in high school, graduating in 1945. For seven years following her graduation, she taught at several different country schools in Audubon County.

Jan. 12, 1951, Bernice married Ernest Petersen at Bethany Lutheran Church near Kimballton where she had been a lifetime member. Three children were born to this union. She was a homemaker and an active church member. Bernice had been diagnosed with cancer in 1994. She had some good years after that but lost the battle with the disease when she died at her home May 23, 2000, at age 73 years and 28 days.

She is preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Irene Mortensen Ream, and one niece, Kari Ream. She is survived by her husband, Ernest Petersen of Kimballton; two daughters, Judy and Tami Petersen of Spokane, WA; one son, Dean Petersen (Mary) of Audubon; four grandchildren, Chris, Amber, Ben and Stefan Petersen; two brothers, Roy Mortensen (Joan) of Audubon and Glen Mortensen of Salem Nursing Home in Elk Horn; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 26, 2000, at the Bethany Lutheran Church, rural Kimballton, with Pastor Keith Johnson officiating. Burial was in the Bethany Lutheran Cemetery. Casket bearers were Jim Mortensen, Randy Nelson, Dave Mortensen, Bruce Ream, Brian Ream and Colby Nelson. Ohde Funeral Home, Kimballton, in charge of arrangements.