

Harry Petersen, Jr., 91

Aug. 17, 1923 - Dec. 30, 2014

HARLAN — Harry Petersen, Jr., son of Harry A. P. and Helen Gertrude (Barkman) Petersen, was born on August 17, 1923 on a farm outside of Harlan. He attended country school in Center Township and then Harlan High School where he graduated with the class of 1941.

March 10, 1948, Harry was united in marriage to Patsy Meyer at the Methodist Church in Harlan. After their marriage, Harry and Patsy farmed near Corley for five years. They then made their home on a farm north of Jacksonville until 1965 when they moved to a farm just a mile up the road and this has been their home ever since. Harry and Patsy loved horses and were members of the Appaloosa Horse Club as well as the Shelby County Saddle Club. In addition to farming, Harry spent time working at the Harlan and Audubon Sale Barns where he worked with his father and brother. He enjoyed playing cards with all his buddies at Greves' Corner in Jacksonville. He and Patsy also loved long evening drives through the country. Harry died on December 30, 2014 at the Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan having attained the age of ninety-one years, four months and thirteen days.

In addition to his parents, Harry was preceded in death by his sister-in-law Delores Petersen and his brother-in-law Keith Campbell. Harry is survived by his wife of sixty-six years, Patsy Petersen of Harlan; his sisters, Charlotte Andersen and Nadine Campbell both of Harlan; his brother Arlo Petersen of Kirkman; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

Pastor Ron Rasmussen officiated the 11:00 a.m. funeral service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. Peggy Doonan was the accompanist for the service. Serving as honorary casket bearers were the Jacksonville Card Players. Casket bearers were Jay Petersen, Darwin Campbell, Nick Petersen, Jeff Petersen, Paul Petersen, and Kevin Rutherford. Interment was held at Jacksonville Cemetery in Jacksonville.



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