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Jean A. Petersen, 71

Oct. 3, 1925 - June 16, 1997

HARLAN - Jean A. Petersen, daughter of Nels and Lillian (Hoover) Jacobsen, was born Oct. 3, 1925, in Harlan. She was a lifelong Harlan-area resident, graduating from Harlan High School in 1944.

Sept. 26, 1946, she married Robert F. Petersen at the Bethel Baptist Church in Harlan. The couple farmed and made their home east of Harlan. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, where she was active in the women's circles and had served as a Sunday School teacher for many years. She died June 16, 1997, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 71 years, eight months and 13 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents. Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Robert F. Petersen of rural Harlan; three sons, Steve Petersen, Jeff Petersen and Jim Petersen all of Harlan; one sister, Dolores (Lowell) Wiley of Glenwood; two brothers, Robert (Arlene) Jacobsen of West Des Moines and Richard Jacobsen of Carson City, NV; one sister-in-law, Lotus Mumm of Co. Bluffs; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 18, 1997, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, with Pastor Mary A. Lunde officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Deb Larson, Barb Haiar, Diane Lansing, Christie Weiss, Kendra Majerus, Shanta Schriver and Kim Shafer. Active casket bearers were Tom Lund, Don Mumm, James Kemp, Louis Weihs, Wilfred Weihs, Verner Hansen, Wayne C. Hansen and David L. Christensen. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery in Jacksonville. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.