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Dr. Leland Petersen, 91 –

June 3, 1911 - Nov. 1, 2002

REDOAK – Dr. Leland B. Petersen, son of Nells and Anna Petersen, was born June 3, 1911, in Cass County. He was raised in Shelby County, and graduated from high school at Harlan. He graduated from Northern Illinois University in 1935 with his Doctorate degree in Optometry.

Leland married Dorothy B. Sanny Jan. 2, 1938, in Mame. They lived in Fort Dodge, for a short time before moving to Red Oak, in 1945. He was an Optometrist in Red Oak for over 30 years. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Red Oak and a past member of Order of Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge. He died Nov. 1, 2002, at his home in Red Oak, at age 91 years, seven months and 26 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Dorothy, Dec. 1, 1987; a son, Richard, Sept. 6, 2001; and seven brothers. He is survived by a daughter, Diane (Ronald) Brown of Omaha, NE; six grandchildren; several great grandchildren; a special friend, Vera Wunder; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 4, 2002, at the First Christian Church in Red Oak, with Rev. JoAnn Thomas officiating. Burial was in the Brighton Cemetery in Mame. Honorary casket bearer was Wayne Joyce. Casket bearers were Mark Petersen, Wilbert Johnson, Henry Kay, Larry Wunder, Derek Sanny and Henry Elliott.

