

## Leona Petersen, 84

*Nov. 20, 1918 - Nov. 15, 2004*

**MINDEN** — Leona Theresia Barnesberger Petersen was born Nov. 20, 1918, in Minden, the daughter of William and Theresia Geiger Barnesberger, and was one of seven children in the family. She attended school in Minden and graduated from Minden High School with the class of 1936.

Leona married Robert K. Petersen at the Zion Congregational Church in Minden, Jan. 22, 1939. They were the parents of twin sons, Darrel and Harold. They farmed in the Minden area, raising hogs, cattle and quarter horses while being involved in horse racing. Leona was a homemaker, farm wife and cook, fixing meals for many hired hands. She was involved with 4-H when her boys were members and for over 15 years while her grandsons were members. Bob died in 1976 and Leona remained in her home for many years until her health began declining nine years ago. She was a member of the Minden United Church of Christ and the Women's Fellowship of the church, the local Republican Women's organization and a neighborhood card club. She died Nov. 15, 2004, at the Northcrest Care and Rehab Center in Council Bluffs, at age 85 years, 11 months and 25 days.

Leona was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bob; and six sisters and brothers, Lily Voge, Alice Kuhlman, Freddie Barnesberger, Marie Luchsinger, William Barnesberger and Arthur Barnesberger. She is survived by her two sons, Darrel (Margie) Petersen of Minden and Harold (Chris) of Florissant, CO; five grandchildren, Brandon, Jeremy, Shawn and Brian Petersen and Amy Neal; two great-grandchildren, Amber and Ashley Petersen; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 19, 2004, at the Minden United Church of Christ with Pastor Denny Peterson and Hospice Representative John Farrell officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Amy Neal, Amber Petersen and Ashley Petersen. Casket bearers were Ron Clark, Shawn Petersen, Brandon Petersen, Jeremy Petersen, Glenn Voge and Brian Petersen. Pauley Jones Funeral Home, Avoca Chapel, in charge of arrangements.