

Lorena Petersen, 86

May 23, 1913 - Dec. 22, 1999

KIMBALLTON - Lorena Dorthea, daughter Peter E. and Meta Petersen Mortensen, was born May 23, 1913, near Hamlin, in Audubon County. After graduating from Elk Horn High School in 1931, she completed her normal training and taught in Douglas and Sharon Township country schools in Audubon County for 12 years. She continued her education during the summers in Buena Vista College in Storm Lake. She then taught for two years in Kimballton.

June 10, 1945, she married Elmer W. Petersen at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. Three children were born to this union. They farmed north of Kimballton and in 1975 they moved into Kimballton. Elmer died April 29, 1979, and she remained in their home. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville where she taught Sunday School and was an active member of the church circles. She was also a 4-H leader, Jr. Mission leader and member of the J.O. Club. Due to failing health she moved to Salem Lutheran Home in September of 1999, and in late November was admitted to Myrtue Memorial Hospital where she died Dec. 22, 1999, at age 86 years, six months and 30 days.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, an infant twin brother and two sisters, Sine Jensen and Regina Larsen. She is survived by three children, Jayne (Willard) "Buzz" Tschirren of Niobrara, NE; Judy (Rob) Lubben of Plymouth, MN and Paul Petersen (LuAnn) of Kirkman; seven grandchildren, Michael, Jayme and Brent Tschirren; Erin and Allison Lubben and Andy and Jenny Petersen; a sister, Beulah Jensen of Audubon; a brother-in-law, Herbert Larsen of Kimballton; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 27, 1999, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, with Pastor Mary Lund officiating. Casket bearers were Michael Tschirren, Brent Tschirren, Mark Petersen, Jayme Tschirren, Andy Petersen and Jerry Jensen. Ohde Funeral Home, Kimballton, in charge of arrangements.