

## **Sarah Petersen, 97**

*April 21, 1905 - Aug. 10, 2002*

**KIMBALLTON** - Sarah Christina, daughter of Erik and Barolina (Mogensen) Pederson, was born April 21, 1905, on a farm north of Poplar, in Audubon County. She attended Mount Zion School in rural Audubon County and Oak Park Academy in Nevada. Following her schooling, Sarah returned to the Kimballton area and worked as a live-in housekeeper for various families.

June 3, 1925, she married Alvin Petersen in Atlantic. A son, Russell, was born to this union. Together they farmed in Audubon and Shelby Counties. In 1950, they retired and moved into Kimballton. After Alvin died May 2, 1989, she was able to remain in their home until January of 2002, when she became a resident of Salem Lutheran Homes. She died there Aug. 10, 2002, at age 97 years, three months and 20 days.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by six brothers, Henry, Herbert, Elmer, Daniel, Noah and Silvanus; and two sisters, Harriett and Lillie. She is survived by her son, Russell Petersen (Bonnie) of Kimballton; grandchildren, Larry Petersen (Sandy) of Avoca; Rick Petersen of Spring Grove, IL; Joni (Brent) Christensen of Coming; Carol (Kent) Baier of Hamlin; Carla (Bob) Gust of Audubon; great grandchildren, Ryan and Chris Petersen; Eric Petersen; Nichole, Brooke and Keaton Christensen; Melissa, Travis, Tyson and Tiffany Baier; Morgan and Aaron Gust; two sisters-in-law, Viola Grove and Mayme Rasmussen, both of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 13, 2002, at the Ohde Funeral Home, Kimballton, with Pastor John Swenson, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kimballton, officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Nichole Christensen, Melissa Baier, Morgan Gust, Brooke Christensen, Tiffany Baier and Aaron Gust. Casket bearers were Ryan Petersen, Keaton Christensen, Chris Petersen, Travis Baier, Eric Petersen and Tyson Baier.