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## **Freda Peterson, 86**

*March 13, 1915 – Dec. 11, 2001*

**MINDEN** – Freda B. Peterson was born March 13, 1915, to Henry and Louise Strohbehn Bebensee at their farm home near Atlantic, the youngest of five children in the family. Her father died when she was 7 years old and her mother died when she was 12 years old. She stayed on the farm for a few years with her brothers and later went to live with her brother, Bill, and his family in Atlantic. She attended country school through the eighth grade. She then started teaching at the same school she had been attending.

While teaching school in Minden, she met Freddie Paul Peterson. They were married Dec. 23, 1947, in Council Bluffs. They were the parents of two sons, Roger and Kevin. She was a member of the Minden United Church of Christ. She worked for many years as a bookkeeper at the Minden Meat Market. Freddie died Jan. 20, 1984. She remained at her home in Minden, until September of 1998, when she moved to Villa Del Sol Nursing Home in Marshalltown. She died Dec. 11, 2001, at the nursing home in Marshalltown, at age 86 years, eight months and 29 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Freddie; and four brothers and sisters. She is survived by her two sons, Roger (Becky) of Marshalltown and Kevin of Omaha, NE; two grandchildren, Randy and Regina; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 14, 2001, at the Minden United Church of Christ with Pastor Denny Peterson officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery. Casket bearers were Clarence Jensen, Dan Schmitt, Henry Raibikis, Bruce Lynk, Carl Cochran and David Lustgraaf. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.