

✓ Mae Peterson, 89

June 27, 1910 – Oct. 10, 1999

WALNUT – Mae Irene Gruenau Peterson was born June 27, 1910, at Minden, daughter of Hugo and Alma Kay Gruenau, and was one of four children in the family. She attended school at Thomas Jefferson High School in Co. Bluffs.

She married Lars R. Peterson Oct. 16, 1929, in Papillion, NE. She was employed by Roberts Dairy of Omaha, NE, in the bookkeeping department. In November of 1955, she and Lars moved to Walnut, where they were owner/operators of the Red and White Grocery from 1956 until 1971. She worked part time in the grocery store. Lars died March 23, 1980. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Walnut. Following Lars' death, she sold their home in Walnut and moved into an apartment. She later moved into Peace Haven Retirement Home in Walnut, where she lived until moving into the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center in Avoca in 1993. She died at the Center Oct. 10, 1999, at age 89 years, three months and 14 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Inez Peterson; one brother, Nathan "Bud" Gruenau; and a granddaughter, Bonnie Christensen. She is survived by three daughters, Kay (Bob) Jacobsen of Broken Bow, NE; Lois (Dave) Christensen of Sequim, WA and Linda (Craig) Woltmann of Walnut; nine grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; a brother, Lynn Gruenau of Banning, CA; a sister-in-law, Iona Gruenau of Owasso, OK; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 13, 1999, at the First Presbyterian Church, Walnut, with Rev. Doris Ruben officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Casket bearers were Richard Jensen, David Woltmann, Chris Christensen, Tom Jacobsen, Roger Grieb and Harley Ploen. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.