

## Margie Ploen, 72

*Aug. 4, 1929 – Oct. 29, 2001*

**WALNUT** – Margie Mae Ploen was born at Council Bluffs, Aug. 4, 1929, daughter of Albert and Hazel Chapman Danker and was one of three children. She attended country school and graduated from Oakland High School in 1946. Following graduation, she taught country school for one year. She also worked in the office of Merkert Grain and Feed of Minden.

She married Harley Ploen March 20, 1948, in Minden. They were the parents of four children, Jack, Chuck, Peggy and Vince. They made their home on Margie's family farm one mile west of Walnut. She later became a resident of Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn. She recently resided at Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Walnut. She was an active member of the Walnut AmVet and American Legion Auxiliaries, the Walnut Republican Women, Presbyterian Women, and Peace Haven Auxiliary. She was a 4-H leader, helped with Boy Scouts and taught Bible School and Sunday School. She died Oct. 29, 2001, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 72 years, two months and 25 days.

Her parents and a granddaughter, Melissa Ann Manhart, preceded her in death. She is survived by her children, Jack (Judy) of Walnut; Chuck (Linda) of Harlan; Peggy (Dan) Manhart of Neola and Vince (Tamara) of Avoca; eight grandchildren, Jason and Eva Ploen; James, Jennifer, Jessica and Jarod Ploen; Nelson and Alana Ploen; two brothers, Albert Danker (Paula) of Council Bluffs and Stanley Danker (Carole) of Minden; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 1, 2001, at the Minden United Church of Christ with Pastor Denny Peterson and Pastor Craig zumBrunnen officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Jennifer Ploen, Jessica Ploen, Nelson Ploen, Eva Ploen, Jared Ploen and Alana Ploen. Casket bearers were Jack Ploen, Chuck Ploen, Vince Ploen, Dan Manhart, Jason Ploen and James Ploen. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.