

Ellen M. Petersen, 82

Ellen Marie Petersen was born Nov. 23, 1900 in Brayton and was the daughter of Nels Boose and Marianne Olsen. The family operated a general store in Exira for several years then moved to a farm near Gates.

She was baptized and confirmed in the Oak Hill Lutheran Church west of Brayton and was now a member of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. On June 4, 1925, she married Alex Petersen and during their married life they have made their home on a farm from 1925 to 1967 when they retired in Elk Horn.

After spending her childhood in the Exira, Brayton area and graduating from the Exira high school, she attended the University of Colorado at Boulder, Drake University at Des Moines and the University of Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls. She made use of her education by teaching for 20 years, two years on an Indian Reservation in Oaks, Okla., 14 years in the Elk Horn school system and four years in the Kimballton public school.

She died at the Myrtue Memorial hospital on Saturday morning, July 23, 1983.

She is survived by a son, Milton Petersen and daughter-in-law, Carol of Nichols; two grandchildren, Wade and Monica; a brother, Marion of Elk Horn and a sister, Clara Rice of Austin, Texas; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Alex, a sister, Gena Brown of Atlantic; two brothers, Martin and Oscar Boose.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 26, 1983 at the Elk Horn Lutheran church in Elk Horn with Pastor Eugene Soland officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran cemetery in Elk Horn with Chris L. Christensen, Chris Iversen, Carl Bonnesen, James Carlson, Gerald Petersen and Kenneth Potts serving as casketbearers.
