

George Petersen, 83

George Petersen, son of Elizabeth Smith and Andrew Petersen was born March 5, 1896 at Troy, N.Y. He died April 8, 1979 at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan at age 83 years, one month and 3 days. At an early age his family moved to Iowa He attended rural school in Polk twp No. 7. In 1918 he entered the Army and served in WW I. On Feb. 4, 1920 he married Margaret Lindstrom in Popular. This union was blessed with two children.

George worked as a farm hand in Shelby county for many years, he later worked as a house mover and in 1927 moved in Harlan. He has worked for the Harlan Produce for many years and has been a resident of the Elk Horn Retirement Home since Feb. George was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran church and the Harlan V.F.W. Post No. 941.

Mr Petersen was preceded in death by his parents, his wife - Margaret in May of 1978, one son - George Jr., one brother - Pete, four sisters - Mary (Mrs H.P. Christensen), Anna (Mrs Soren Christensen), Ella (Mrs Marinus Mathiesen) and Rose (Mrs Chris Hansen). Survivors include one daughter - Fern (Mrs Raymond Rasmussen) of Irwin, four grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 11, 1979 at Immanuel Lutheran church with Pastor Clifford Nelson and Intern David Menz, officiating. Services were conducted by the Burmeister Funeral Home with burial in the Harlan cemetery. Casketbearers were Vernon Hansen, Merlyn Knudsen, Wilbur Fredrick, George Mathiasen, Arnold Christensen and Virgil V. Mathiesen.

Military rites at the cemetery were conducted by the Harlan Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 941.
