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Hilda B. Petersen, 57

Hilda B. Petersen was born July 25, 1893 in Elk Horn. She was one of five children born to Hans and Marie Hansen Petersen. She was baptized in the Immanuel Lutheran church in Kimballton and confirmed in the Elk Horn Lutheran church where she was currently a member.

She has lived in Elk Horn all her life. As a young girl, she helped her father in their place of business, The Petersen Grocery Store. For five years she worked as an operator for the Marne-Elk Horn Telephone Co. After the death of her father, Hans, in 1939, she and her brother, Richard owned and operating the family store in Elk Horn. In 1971 they sold the store to Ranald Hansen. She has spent a total of 57 years in the store.

She also taught Sunday school in Rorbeck for 17 years and for three years in Elk Horn. She was a member of the Elk Horn Lutheran church choir and a member of circle 9 of the women of the church. She was also a charter member of the Beta club. An Eternal Flame was dedicated in her honor in 1960. She died Wednesday, March 16, 1983 in the Salem Nursing Home, Elk Horn, where she had been a resident since October, 1980.

Surviving her are one sister, Inez Petersen of Elk Horn; a nephew, Earl Fries of Des Moines and a niece, Lois Lutis of York, Penn. Preceding her in death were her parents; a sister, Anna Fries; two brothers, Ewald and Richard and a niece, Betty Fries Hansen.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 19, 1983 in the Elk Horn Lutheran church, Elk Horn, with Pastor Eugene Soland as officiating Pastor.

Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran cemetery, Elk Horn with Kenneth Hansen, William Reesink, Paul Hansen, Jim Hansen, John Hansen, Joe Hansen, Melvin Boose and Kenneth Potts serving as casketbearers.