

## **Rose Eggerss, 86**

*March 1, 1917 - Jan. 18, 2004*

**MESA, AZ** – Rose June Petersen Eggerss was born March 1, 1917, on the family farm in Jacksonville, daughter of George and Emily Hess Petersen. She attended country school Jackson No. 2, until moving to Harlan in March 1930. She went to Sunday School at Bethlehem Lutheran Church near Jacksonville and completed confirmation that spring. She attended high school in Harlan, and took Normal Training because she loved children and wanted to be a teacher. While attending high school, she also took household jobs whenever possible. Rose graduated from Harlan in 1934, and began teaching at Jackson Township No. 8 school. She taught there for four and a half years, but because of rising costs, dirt roads and bad weather, she changed schools, and taught at Jackson No. 2 for two years. Costs continued to grow, so Rose took a job closer to Harlan at Center No. 1 in 1941.

When the war broke out and Everette Eggerss was drafted, they married so she could move with him. They married Dec. 21, 1941. Everette was told he could help the war effort by continuing to farm south of Avoca. They had three daughters, LaDonna, Cheri and Vicki. Everette and Rose continued to farm for 47 years, and Rose continued to do substitute teaching. Everette became too ill to farm in 1987, so they moved to Harlan. Rose remained in Harlan after Everette died in April, 1988. In September, 2002, she moved to Mesa, AZ, to be with her daughter, Vicki and family. She died at her home Jan. 18, 2004, in Mesa, AZ, at age 86 years, 10 months and 18 days.

Rose is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Everette; her brothers, Leonard, Ernest R. and Roy Petersen; and sister, Vernie Nielsen. She is survived by her daughters, LaDonna (Eldon) Christensen of Denison; Cheri (William) Cook of Early, TX; and Vicki (Dennis) Osborn of Mesa, AZ; four grandchildren, Ehren Christensen of McCook Lake, SD; LaShelle Christensen of North Liberty; Stacey Osborn of Mesa, AZ; and Stephaney Osborn of Mesa, AZ; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 24, 2004, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, with Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Casket bearers were Ehren Christensen, LaShelle Christensen, Brent Rold, Craig Petersen, Kevin Petersen and Brent Petersen. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.