

Shrilda (Petersen) Elder, 94

Jan. 7, 1909 - Feb. 8, 2003

COUNCIL BLUFFS – Shrilda L. Petersen Elder was born Jan. 7, 1909, to Robert O. Carley and Matilda Shirey Carley at Laramie Peak, WY. They moved to Holt Co., NE and then moved to Exira where she attended school. She was a housekeeper for families in the community.

She married Hans Petersen March 4, 1927. He had three children from a previous marriage and they had two children together. They farmed in the Irwin area. She helped with the farm work and raised her family. She was active in various clubs and church activities. They moved to Council Bluffs in early 1953. Hans died Aug. 29, 1981.

She married Mathew Elder Nov. 7, 1982. They lived in Council Bluffs. He died April 14, 1996. She worked as a maid at the YMCA for seven years. She also worked for Tip Top Products in Omaha for seven years. She also did housekeeping in the Council Bluffs area. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs. She died Feb. 8, 2003, at the Bethany Lutheran Home in Council Bluffs, at age 94.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Hans Petersen; her second husband, Mathew Elder; a son, Norman Petersen; and a great granddaughter. She is survived by four daughters, Anna R. Caffery (John) of Council Bluffs; Charlotte R. Aten (David) of Council Bluffs; Alice Steckelberg (Robert) of Harlan; a son, Orville Petersen of Bend, OR; a daughter-in-law, Lila Petersen of Irwin; two stepdaughters, Bette Snapp (Marvin) of Oroville, CA and Peggy Daily of Council Bluffs; a stepson, Matt Elder of Council Bluffs; 14 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; 21 step grandchildren; five great great grandchildren; numerous step great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 11, 2003, at Cutler-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home with Rev. Jim Munson of St. John's Lutheran Church, Council Bluffs, officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery at Irwin. Casket bearers were Lorren Hollister, Rick Steckelberg, Eric Lahmer, Todd Christians, Jay Christians and Jeremy McKeeman. Honorary casket bearers were Randy Davis, Richard Petersen and Gary Henderson.