

✓ **Peter Kroman, 93**

May 25, 1912 - July 8, 2005

ELK HORN — Peter Maynard Kroman, son of Andrew and Christnia (Christensen) Kroman, was born May 25, 1912, at his parents' farm near Elk Horn in Jackson Township, Shelby County. He attended rural school and then graduated Valedictorian from Elk Horn High School in 1931. After completing his education, he spent a year in Montana on a sheep ranch before returning to the home farm to help his father.

March 7, 1943, Peter married Arlene Stearns in Omaha, NE. Peter and Arlene farmed and raised livestock on their farm just a mile away from his birthplace. They retired in 1974, but continued to live on the farm until 1998 when they moved to Elk Horn. He was a member of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church where he was baptized and confirmed. He served on the church board as well as the board of both rural school and Elk Horn Schools. He was interested in the community and kept up his Danish language skills. When he could no longer get around at home, he became a resident of Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn July 8, 2005. He died there July 31, 2005, at age 93 years, two months and six days.

Preceding Peter in death are his parents and his brothers, Albert, Howard and Donald. He is survived by his wife, Arlene Kroman of Elk Horn; three children, Judith (Darrell) Peters of Minden; Richard Kroman (Sherrie) of Highlands Ranch, CO; and Barbara (Mark) Smith of Elk Horn; nine grandchildren, Corene (Gene) Kelly, Brian Peters (Amy), Cheryl (Jon) Simmons, Jason Kroman, Scott Kroman, Heidi Kroman and special friend, Matt Sherry, Brian Smith and special friend, Angie Schnell, Eric Smith and Laura Smith; four great-grandchildren, Michael, Nathan and Abby Kelly and Cole Simmons; brother, Robert Kroman of Elk Horn; sister-in-law, Norma Jean Kroman of Phoenix, AZ; sister-in-law, Clea (Leland) Tripe of Holdredge, NE; brother-in-law, Herb Stearns (Joyce) of Atlantic and Lou Stearns; nieces, nephews and other relatives.