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Ernest K.C. Petersen, 73

June 23, 1917 — Jan. 12, 1991

ELK HORN – Ernest K.C. Petersen, the son of Soren Pete and Matilda Christensen Petersen, was born June 23, 1917 in Audubon County and died Jan. 12, 1991 at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn at the age 73 years. He was baptized at his home the same day he was born and was confirmed at the Exira Lutheran Church. He attended rural schools in Audubon County. He then was employed by several farmers.

Dec. 18, 1941 he married Karen Marie Christoffersen in MO. They farmed east of Kimballton for several years, then purchased the grocery store and locker in Exira and Kimballton. He then was employed by various stores as a meat-cutter including the Fareway Store in Humboldt. They then moved to the Harlan area where he was self-employed and did papering painting and was a general handyman. In Aug. of 1973 he had a severe stroke which left him handicapped. In March of 1987 he became a resident of the Friendship Home in Audubon and later moved to the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn in May of 1989. He was a member of the Bethany Lutheran Church.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his sister, Freda Sorensen. Survivors include his wife, Karen (Carrie) M. Petersen of Audubon; his daughters and their husbands, JoAnn (Jim) Sorensen of Co. Bluffs, and Joyce (Paul) Hemmingsen of Audubon; 8 grandchildren; one sister and her husband, Gladys (Sophus) Jensen of Exira; one brother and his wife, Emmert (Ruth) Petersen of Lake Panorama; several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Steven Frock Jan. 15, 1991 at Bethany Lutheran Church east of Kimballton. Burial was in the Bethany Lutheran cemetery. Casketbearers were Dalton Jensen, Howard Jensen, Jerry Jensen, Robert Jensen, Roger Jensen, Clinton Petersen, David Sorensen and Richard Sorensen.