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Hans H. Petersen, 96

March 29, 1894 — Feb. 10, 1991

ELK HORN – Hans H. Petersen was born March 29, 1894, west of Elk Horn. He was the son of Hans and Anna Petersen. He was baptized and confirmed in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church and attended rural schools in the area.

March 26, 1919, he married Freda Marie Larsen. They farmed in the surrounding areas until moving to Elk Horn in 1942. He worked for his brother, Einer in the oil business and later for the city of Elk Horn. Aug. of 1954, they moved to CA., for 3 1/2 years. They then moved back to Iowa and lived in Marshalltown for 12 years. In 1969 they returned to Elk Horn. July 1977 they moved to the Salem Retirement Home where they lived until Freda died March of 1987. He died Feb. 10, 1991 at the Salem Nursing Home.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Freda; a son, Franklin; four brothers and four sisters. Survivors are three children: Alice Smith of Marshalltown; Helen Petersen of Atlantic and son, Robert Petersen (Doris) of Anza, CA.; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were held Feb. 12, 1991 in the Hansen Chapel in the Salem Retirement Home in Elk Horn. Officiating pastors were LeVern Nielsen and Michael Williams. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran cemetery. Casketbearers were Melvin Eskov, Wilfred Eskov, Roland Eskov, Richard Smith, Debra Pearson and Ray Esbeck.