

## Margaret Petersen, 70

**HARLAN** - Margaret Elizabeth "Bettie" Petersen was born Elenor Skelton Benson on Sept. 8, 1919, in Omaha, NE. She was adopted at the age of two years by Arthur E. and Mary Miller and was raised as an only child. She attended school in Omaha, NE.

Nov. 6, 1946, she married Leo Petersen in Omaha, NE. They lived in the Omaha - Co. Bluffs area and on Jan. 21, 1951, she was confirmed in the Lutheran Faith. She worked for many years as a file supervisor for Central National Insurance Co. of Omaha. After Leo retired in 1977, they moved to Nevis, MN., where she later became a resident of the Sunset Nursing Home in Park Rapids, MN. After the death of Leo on Oct. 7, 1981, she entered the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan and this has been her home since that time. She died there Jan. 31, 1990 at age 70 years, four months and 23 days.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her brother-in-law, Gerhart Petersen. She is survived by her sisters, Inez (Hans) Hansen, Elma (Dallas) Dent and Grace Petersen all of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 3, 1990 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Oliver S. Solberg of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, officiating. Burial was in Jacksonville cemetery with Darrell Dent, Edward Tolle, Ron Ronfeldt, Lyle Petersen, Larry Petersen and Manuel Herrera serving as casketbearers.