

Rose Petersen, 89 ✓

Apr. 11, 1904 - Oct. 1, 1993

HARLAN — Rose Petersen, daughter of James and Stena (Andersen) Johnson, was born April 11, 1904, in Jackson Township. She grew up in the same area, and then graduated from Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls. She taught country school in Sharon Township, Audubon County.

December 5, 1923, she married Horace P.A. Petersen at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, Iowa. The couple farmed in Jackson Township until Horace's death in July, 1958. She moved into Harlan in 1961. She was a Sunday School teacher for 32 years at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Immanuel Lutheran Church, where she was currently a member. She was active in numerous community affairs, and had been named an Iowa Merit Mother in 1962. She died Oct. 1, 1993, at the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan, at age 89 years, 5 months, and 20 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, two sons, Eugene and Tim, two brothers, Raymond and Chester, one sister, Lily, two grandchildren, Todd and Kurtis Petersen, and three great grandchildren, Adam Grann and Heidi and Kaleb Withoft. Survivors include three sons, Jim (Alveta) Petersen and Carl (Carol) Petersen, both of Ft. Collins, CO, and Clemen (Maxine) Petersen of Eaton, CO; eight daughters, Irene (Warren) Ladd of Kimballton, Frances Grann of Springfield, Mo, Verda (James) Larsen, Carol (Donald) Hopp, Mary (Richard) Klitgaard, Lile (Richard) Petersen, all of Harlan, Norma Ingwers of Denver, CO, and Linda Pollert of Wilmington Beach, NC; one brother, Alvin Johnson of Kimballton; and 44 grandchildren, 64 great grandchildren and one great great grandson.

Funeral services were held Oct. 4, 1993 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Rev. Jon Benson officiating. Casket bearers were her grandchildren. Burial was in the Jacksonville cemetery. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.