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Vern M. Petersen, 90

Oct. 11, 1900 — Jan. 24, 1991

MANILLA — Vern, son of Hans S. and Katie Erickson Petersen was born Oct. 11, 1900 on a farm near Kirkman. He attended the Danway Country School near his home.

A lifelong farmer, he farmed near Kirkman, Ross, Harlan and on his current farm south of Manilla. He retired from active farming in 1970 but continued to make his home on the farm. He held membership at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin and served on the church council, and the Farm Bureau board of directors. He married Lola Wegener in 1957. For the past three years, he had been in failing health and was hospitalized this winter. He died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan Jan. 24, 1991 at age 90 years, 3 months, and 13 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by a grandson, Curt Salberg. Survivors include his wife, Lola of rural Manilla; a daughter, Jayne Ramsey (Tom) of Riverton; three step-daughters, Jackie Salberg (Sherman) of Weeping Water, NE.; Jody Miller (Gene) of Omaha; and Lynda Reiff-Severa (Don) of Ralston, NE.; four grandsons; four granddaughters; two great-grandsons; brothers and sisters, Wilmer Petersen (Lucille) of Harlan; Archie Petersen of Kirkman; Victor Petersen (Adele) of Exira; Myrtle Miller of Harlan; Ruby Ferry (Ray) of Irwin; Marjorie Scheetz (Horace) of Waukegan, IL., and Thelma Petersen of Kirkman; nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 26, 1991 with Pastor Doug Mathison, officiating. Burial was in the Rosehill cemetery in Kirkman. Serving as casketbearers were Don Ferry, Randy Petersen, Scott Petersen, Richard Ferry, Steve Scheetz and Tom Petersen. Ohde Funeral Home in Manilla in charge of arrangements.