

Francis Peterson, 73

June 24, 1918 — Aug. 15, 1991

HARLAN — Francis LaVerne Peterson, son of Orville and Blanche Fish Peterson was born June 24, 1918, on a farm near Fiscus. He moved with his parents to the Harlan area, and graduated from Harlan High School.

Nov. 22, 1941, he married Frances Marie Richards at Kearney, NE. Two daughters were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed for ten years north of Harlan, and for the next 27 years, south of Harlan. In 1981, they built their new home on an acreage, east of Corley, where they presently resided. He died Aug. 15, 1991, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan at age 73 years, one month and 22 days. In addition to being a member of First United Methodist Church in Harlan, he was a member of the Shelby County Farm Bureau.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Surviving him is his wife, Francis of Harlan; his daughters, Kay Woltmann of Avoca; and Fayette (Richard) Fields of Glenrock, WY.; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Shirley (Bernard) Guyett of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 17, 1991, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. D. Stephen Clinton of First United Methodist Church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Ivan Larsen, Ival Custer, Gerald Grabill, Arthur Maxwell, Quentin Rickers and Valen Christensen honorary casketbearers. Casketbearers were David Clark, Olie Pash, John Knudson, Ronald Jensen, Gayle Petersen and Martin Schuemann. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.