

Anna "Gussie" Petersen, 91

Jan. 29, 1909 - Dec. 27, 2000

HARLAN – Anna Augusta (Gussie) Insel Petersen, daughter of Karl and Magdalena (Frollich) Insel, was born Jan. 29, 1909, in Offenbach, A/Main, Germany. In 1921, she came with her family to America, settling in Chicago, IL. She continued her education in the Chicago Public Schools, later working at the Illinois Bell Telephone Company and Grossett and Dunlap Book Publishers.

Feb. 3, 1927, she married Hans C. Petersen at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Chicago, IL. Six children were born to this union. In 1933, Hans and Gussie moved to a farm in Audubon County. In 1952, they moved to Audubon where she was employed at the Audubon County Hospital, working in the business office until 1962 when they moved to Omaha, NE. In Omaha, she worked in the insurance department at both Methodist and Bishop Bergan Mercy Hospitals until her retirement in 1974. Gussie was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Harlan, Rebekah Lodge, O.D.O. Club, Omaha Women's Club, Nebraska Federation of Literary Women's Club, Garden Club, and an Honorary Citizen of Boy's Town. Hans and Gussie actively participated in many activities at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Omaha. She became a resident of Elm Crest Retirement Community, Harlan, in February of 1997. She died Dec. 27, 2000, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 91 years, 10 months and 28 days.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hans, of 73 years; her parents, Karl and Magdalena Insel; infant son, Robert Carl; and her brother, Bill Insel. She is survived by her five living children, Bill (Billie) Petersen of Wichita, KS; Dick Petersen of Dillon, CO; Bernice Petersen (Bud) of Harlan; Beverly Harrison of Kerrville, TX and Tom Petersen (Wanda) of Dallas, TX; her sister, Trudy Corday of San Jose, CA; nine grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren and other relatives.

A memorial service was held Dec. 30, 2000, at Elm Crest Retirement Community Chapel with Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating. Inurnment was in Maple Grove Cemetery in Audubon. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

