

Delores Petersen, 66

Dec. 10, 1940 - Sept. 30, 2007

KIRKMAN - Delores Rachel Petersen, daughter of Julius and Elva Mattie (Axland) Guth, was born Dec. 10, 1940, in Manilla. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin. She attended country schools near Aspinwall and Kirkman, graduating from the Irwin-Kirkman High School. While in school, she played basketball and was Salutatorian of her graduating class.

Delores married Arlo Petersen June 14, 1959, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Irwin. To this union two children were born: Jeff and Debra. After their marriage, Delores drove school bus for Irwin Community School and later was employed at CDS. She was a member of the Shelby County Saddle Club, St. Paul Lutheran Church, and also the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She died Sept. 30, 2007, at the Myrtue Medical Center at age 66 years, nine months, and 20 days.

Delores is preceded in death by her parents and a brother-in-law, Gary Erb. Survivors include her husband, Arlo Petersen of Kirkman; her children, Jeff Petersen (Laurie) of Manning, and Deb (Kevin) Rutherford of Harlan; four grandchildren, Kristen and Ashlen Rutherford and Jay and Nick Petersen; two sisters, Carole (Roger) Gaer of Fort Pierre, SD and Myrna (Erb) (Bernie) Gundel of Fontanelle; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 3, 2007, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastor Ron Rasmussen officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Ashlen Rutherford, Nick Petersen, Jay Petersen, John Heezen, Rhonda Erb, Larry Gaer, Dennis Maier, Bill Hupp, Ron Heckenlaible, and Kristen Rutherford. Casket bearers were Darwin Campbell, Dalton Christensen, Paul Petersen, Dave Gaer, Mike Gaer, Brian Erb, Kevin Erb, and Monte Hansen. Burial was held at the Jacksonville Cemetery in Jacksonville. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements

