

Evelyn M. Petersen, 84

May 5, 1916 - April 27, 2001

HARLAN — Evelyn Maxine Petersen was born May 5, 1916, to Lillie Bell (Fiscus) and James P. Michaelson near Redline. Evelyn attended school in Harlan, and was a graduate of the Harlan Community High School. She attended Normal Training receiving a teaching certification. She taught all eight grades in a Jackson Township School prior to marriage.

June 1, 1941, she married Melvin Leslie Petersen at The Little Brown Church in Nashua. They lived their entire life on the home farm in Polk Township. To this union two children were born. Evelyn was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, where she participated in numerous church activities. She was a 4-H Club leader and a member of the Shelby County 4-H Committee. She died April 27, 2001, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 84 years, 11 months and 22 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Petersen, May 17, 1992, and her brother, Clarence Michaelson. She is survived by her children, Marlin Petersen of Kirkman and Dr. Donna (Ralph) Nelson of Elkhorn, NE; two grandchildren, Kristin Nelson of Coralville and Ross Nelson of Kearney, NE; nieces, a nephew and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 30, 2001, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Henry Flessner officiating. Burial was in the Redline Cemetery with Donald Dahlof honorary casket bearer. Casket bearers were Gary Randeris, Allyn Bartelson, Jerry Hansen, Russell Detiens, Rod Larsen and Carroll Kallevig.

