

Hans C. Petersen, 99

Feb. 27, 1900 - Feb. 8, 2000

HARLAN – Hans Christian Petersen, son of Hans and Sena (Sorensen) Petersen, was born Feb. 27, 1900, on a farm near Elk Horn. March 15, 1900, he moved with his family to a farm southwest of Hamlin. He was baptized and confirmed at the Hamlin Lutheran Church. In 1922, he moved to Des Moines, learning the painting trade, later moving to Chicago, IL.

Feb. 3, 1927, he married Anna A. (Gussie) Insel at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Chicago, IL. Six children were born to this union. In 1933, the couple moved back to the farm southwest of Hamlin. In 1935, they moved to a farm north of Audubon, which remained their home until 1952, when they moved to Audubon. Hans completed classes at Iowa State University to become a certified boiler engineer. First working at the Audubon County Hospital, and later at Methodist Hospital in Omaha, NE. They moved to Omaha in 1962. He retired from Nebraska Methodist Hospital in 1973, at age 73. He became a resident at Elm Crest Retirement Community in February of 1997. During their life in Omaha, they actively participated in many activities at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Omaha. He died Feb. 8, 2000, at age 99 years, eleven months and 12 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Robert Carl. He is survived by his wife, Gussie of Harlan; his children, Bill Petersen (Billie) of Wichita, KS; Dick Petersen of Dillon, CO; Bernice (Bud) Petersen of Harlan; Beverly Harrison of Kerrville, TX and Tom Petersen (Wanda) of Dallas, TX; ten grandchildren; great grandchildren; sisters, Rosie Roth and Anna Petersen of Friendship Home in Audubon and Leona Wright of St. Paul, MN; and other relatives.

A memorial service was held Feb. 11, 2000, at the Elm Crest Retirement Community Chapel in Harlan, with Rev. John Ryding officiating. Inurnment was held at Maple Grove Cemetery in Audubon. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

