

Irene Petersen, 77

March 23, 1925 – June 16, 2002

HARLAN – Irene Mae Petersen, daughter of Julius and Florence (Christensen) Christensen, was born March 23, 1925, in Fiscus. At an early age, she moved with her family to Harlan, where she attended Harlan schools through the tenth grade. After leaving school, she worked at Knight's Bakery in Harlan.

Oct. 13, 1946, she married Glenn Franklin Petersen at the Christian Church in Harlan. She then worked for many years for area caterers. She died June 16, 2002, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 77 years, two months and 24 days.

Preceding Irene in death were her parents and one brother, Julius Christensen. Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Glenn Petersen of Harlan; five sons, Jim Petersen and Brian (Hita) Petersen, both of Harlan; Dennis Petersen of Sioux City and Gaike Petersen and Scott (Nicole) Petersen, both of Harlan; two daughters, Dedra Petersen and Donna Petersen, both of Harlan; six brothers, Roland (Linda) Christensen of Sacramento, CA; Everett (Gertrude) Christensen of Marshalltown; Vernon Christensen of Cedar Rapids; Russell Christensen of Atlantic; Richard (Beverly) Christensen of Council Bluffs; and Robert Christensen of Denver, CO; 13 grandchildren; one great grandchild and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 19, 2002, at the Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home with Father Glenn Rankin of St. Paul's Episcopal Church officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Bud Wigg, Terry Cox, Randy Armentrout, Nick Cavalier, Dick Andersen, Jim Zimmerman and John Helling. Casket bearers were Raymond Knight, Dave Keane, Art Albright, Chad Hendricks, Mike Zubrod and Garrett Petersen. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.