

Marceda Petersen, 90

Feb. 29, 1916 - Feb. 22, 2007

MINDEN — Marceda Wilma Petersen, daughter of William and Anna (Trede) Bestmann, was born Feb. 29, 1916 on a farm near Shelby. She attended school in Shelby and graduated at the top of her class in 1933. After graduation she attended Drake University majoring in business.

Marceda married Erwin A. Petersen in Minden July 2, 1940. After their marriage they farmed in Pleasant Township for over forty years. After retiring and moving to Minden, Erwin died in 1992. Marceda was a member of the United Church of Christ and served as Sunday School Superintendent, as well as the church's Women Fellowship groups. She died Feb. 22, 2007, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs at age ninety years, eleven months and twenty-four days.

Marceda is preceded in death by her parents; an infant brother and a sister, Muree Geiger. Survivors include her children: Kathy (Jim) Coffin of Anaheim Hills, CA and Pat (Steve) Schroeder of Johnston; one grandson, Sam Schroeder of Denver, CO and one brother William Bestmann (Gerry) of Marshalltown; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral Services were held March 1, 2007 at the United Church of Christ in Minden with Pastor Brian Wohlhuter and Pastor Duane Gibson officiating. Casket bearers were Alan Higley, Jim Storjohann, Jay Bestmann, Darrel Petersen, Charlie Higley and David Storjohann. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.