

## Vernon Petersen, 81

*Dec. 28, 1918 – Sept. 8, 2000*

**KIMBALLTON** – Vernon Robert, son of Arthur and Elise Ohms Petersen, was born Dec. 28, 1918, in Shelby County. He was baptized at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. He attended Jackson #7 country school. He was confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton, and was a lifelong member.

Aug. 27, 1939, he married Edith Scott at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kronborg, NE. They farmed near Kimballton and were blessed with two daughters. They also helped raise Vernon's nephew, Arlo Petersen, after his father (Vernon's brother) was killed in a farm accident. They remained on the farm for 50 years and they moved into Kimballton in 1989. He was always very active in his community. He served on the board of Landmand's Bank for 27 years, as well as, serving on the boards of the church, school, cemetery and creamery. Vernon's health began to fail in mid 1999, but he was able to remain at home because of the care of his wife. He entered the hospital Sept. 4, 2000, and died Sept. 8, 2000, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 81 years, eight months and 11 days.

Besides his parents and his brother, Leon Petersen, he is preceded in death by his great grandson, Zachariah Larson, and sister-in-law, Virginia Petersen Kolb. He is survived by his wife, Edith Petersen of Kimballton; two daughters, Lavon (Lloyd) Rockford of Wamic, OR and Beverly (Richard) Mathisen of Maple Valley, WA; nine grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; three great great grandchildren; three sisters-in-law, Evelyn (Earl) Beyer of Burbank, CA; Nita Larson of Harlan and Aileen Scott of Bellwood, NE; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 13, 2000, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kimballton, with Pastor John Swenson and Pastor Arlo Petersen officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Kim Andersen, Desiree Seymour, DeLinda Rockford, Lance Rockford and Layne Rockford. Casket bearers were Chad Mathisen, Mike Mathisen, Tim Andersen, Brent Christensen, Richard Larson and Rani Larson. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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