

Eldora Peterson, 96

Aug. 13, 1915 - April 6, 2012

HARLAN — Eldora Anna Peterson, daughter of Herman and Elfrieda (Sievers) Struve-Pulver, was born on August 13, 1915, on a farm near Manning. She attended school in Manning and later worked as a nanny for local families around Manning. Eldora then moved to Harlan where she took a job assisting a local photographer.

It was while working in Harlan that Eldora met Wm. Harley Peterson. They were united in marriage on October 13, 1936 in Rockport, MO. To this union four sons were born: Everett, Robert, Paul and Dean. After their marriage, they made their home on the Peterson family farm in Rabbit Hollow just northeast of Harlan. While on the farm, Eldora helped with the daily chores, loved tending to her garden, raised chickens and canned countless amounts of fruits and vegetables for her family and neighbors. Their son Dean later joined in the family operation of the farm which is now recognized as an Iowa Century Farm. After the death of Harley in 1986, Eldora remained on the farm until May of 2011 when she made her home at the Oakland Manor in Oakland. Eldora died on April 6, 2012, at the Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan having attained the age of ninety-six years, seven months and twenty-four days.

In addition to her husband and parents, Eldora was preceded in death by her brothers Max and Gerald Struve and her sister Claudia Staub. She is survived by her sons: Everett Peterson and his wife Frieda of Oakland; Dr. R.A. "Buzz" Peterson and his wife Patty of Norton, KS; Dr. Paul Peterson and his wife Alice of Carmichael, CA and Dean Peterson of rural Harlan; seven grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

Visitation was held on Monday, April 9, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan. Roy North will officiate at the graveside service on Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at the Harlan Cemetery. Eldora's grandchildren served as casket bearers.



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