

# Martha Marie Peterson, 80

April 14, 1916 - Feb. 2, 1997 ✓

**SHELBY** - Martha Marie Peterson was born in Neola April 14, 1916. She was the daughter of Niels and Henrietta Nielsen and was one of four children in the family. She attended country school.

She married Sherman Peterson March 20, 1935 at Neola. They lived and farmed near Neola and Kimballton and eventually moved to the Shelby area in the mid 1940's. They were the parents of four sons, Ralph, Gary, Kenneth and Allen. In 1960, they moved into Shelby. He died Nov. 12, 1973. She worked as a cook at the Shelby school and also at REM Leadway in Shelby. She was a member of the United Lutheran Church and the Stitch and Chatter Club. She died Feb. 2, 1997, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 80 years, nine months and 19 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Sherman. She is survived by her sons, Ralph Peterson (Wanda) of Co. Bluffs; Gary Peterson (Penny) of Sunset, TX; Kenneth Peterson (Mary) of Papillion, NE and Allen Peterson (Deanna) of New London; one sister, Anita (Victor) Lyngaard of Eugene, OR; two brothers, Raymond Nielsen (Dorothy) of Hamlin and Kent Nielsen (Una Mae) of Co. Bluffs; 12 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 5, 1997, at the United Lutheran Church, Shelby, with Pastor Stan Nielsen officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery. Casket bearers were Brad Peterson, Mike Peterson, Mark Peterson, Paul Pearce, Scott Peterson and Jon Peterson. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.