

Therma M. Dollinger, 86

Aug. 10, 1913 - June 23, 2000 ✓

LODI, CA - Therma Mildred Petersen Dollinger was the youngest child born to Simon Peter Petersen and Magaretta (Maggie) Christensen Petersen Aug. 10, 1913, in Polk Township, Shelby County. Therma grew to adulthood on her parents' farm. She attended and graduated country school, Polk Township No. 9 and also graduated from Kirkman High School. Therma and her mother were members of the Polk Township Improvement Club for many years. She moved to Lodi, CA, in late 1956.

Jan. 2, 1957, she married Chris Dollinger. Mr. Dollinger's cousin, Pastor Dollinger, was honored to conduct this service. They were married 36 years. They lived on the Dollinger Ranch on Armstrong Road. It was a dairy farm with Therma helping with the milking and taking care of the calves. They retired to Lodi in 1984, to their purchased home on Watson Street. Therma lived in this home until entering the Arbor Convalescent Hospital. She returned to her home about Feb. 1 of this year. She has had care people with her since then. She has been a faithful and active church member. She was baptized into the Seventh Day Adventist Church in 1926, as a member of the Jacksonville church. When it closed, she joined the Audubon church, then later moving her membership to the Harlan church. In Lodi, her membership has been in the Fairmont SDA Church. Therma attended San Andreas Church in the California Hills for a number of years. She died at a local hospital June 23, 2000, at age 86 years, 10 months and 12 days.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Chris; her parents; her sisters, Fern (William) Hirsch Korn; Helen (Dr. Harley) Anderson; Lillian (Floyd) Keppler; her brother, Chris Petersen; and a niece, Alfreeda. Survivors include three stepchildren, Leroy (Gladys) Dollinger; Mavis (John) Ballantine of Lodi, CA and Maureen Jensen of Manteca, CA; eight step grandchildren; several cousins and families in Iowa and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 30, 2000, at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor David Lincoln officiating. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery in Jacksonville, with Verner Hansen, Emmert K. Andersen, Elmer Andersen, Phillip E. Daringer, Lyle Petersen and Leonard L. Fiscus casket bearers.

