

**Alice Steckelberg, 91** ✓

**Jan. 24, 1919 - June 20, 2010**

**HARLAN** — Alice Christine Steckelberg, the daughter of Hans Peter and Anna (Frees) Petersen, was born on January 24, 1919, in rural Irwin. She attended Polk Township Country School through the eighth grade, and then worked as a hired girl for area farmers.

October 20, 1943, Alice married Robert Max Steckelberg at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin. The couple farmed near Irwin until their retirement in 1983, when they bought a home in Harlan. Until February, 2000, Alice and Robert did lawn work and snow removal for others. Robert died on August 24, 2005, in Harlan. Alice was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin, where she was a member of the woman's group ALCW. She enjoyed baking, sewing, embroidering, and tending her vegetable garden. Alice also did a lot of canning. Alice C. Steckelberg died on Sunday, June 20, 2010, at Myrtue Medical Center at the age of 91 years, 4 months, and 27 days.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert M. Steckelberg; one son, Rickey Steckelberg; two brothers, Norman Petersen and Orville Petersen; and one sister, Anna Caffery. She is survived by one daughter, Rosemary (Alan) Klein of Kirkman; two sisters, Elsie Myers of Harlan, and Charlotte Aten of Council Bluffs; one daughter-in-law, Pat Steckelberg; three sisters-in-law, Viola (Lester) Hass, Norma Steckelberg, and Lila Petersen; one brother-in-law, John Caffery; five grandchildren, Brian (Jaime) Steckelberg of Shenandoah, Mark (Joanna) Klein of Shoreview, MN, Melissa (Mike) Wilson of Eureka, MO, Jennifer Klein of Kirkman, and Daniel (Dawn) Klein of Dubuque; nine great-grandchildren, Brenner Klein, Aubree Klein, Emery Klein, Claire Wilson, Elise Wilson, Lauren Klein, Alyssa Klein, Joel Klein, and Olivia Steckelberg; and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, June 24, 2010, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin, with Pastor Ron Rasmussen officiating. Ruth Ann Barry served as the organist and Pastor Rasmussen was the soloist. Casket bearers were Mark Klein, Daniel Klein, Melissa Wilson, Jennifer Klein, Brian Steckelberg, and Michael Wilson. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin. Condolences may be left online at [www.burmeisterjohannsen.com](http://www.burmeisterjohannsen.com).



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