

## Elmer W. Petersen, 72

Elk Horn — Elmer Wilbirth Petersen was born in Poplar Community, Jackson twp., Shelby county on May 7, 1906, son of Andres Martin and Anna Rasmussen Petersen. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He lived in the same place where he was born, a farm north and west of Kimballton. He farmed all of his life until he moved to Kimballton in April 1975. On June 10, 1945 he married Lorena Mortensen in Elk Horn. He died Sunday, April 29, 1979 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan at age 72 years.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers. Survivors include his wife; two daughters - Jayne (Mrs Willard) Tschirren of Niobrara, Neb., and Judy Petersen of Minneapolis, Minn.; and a son - Paul of Kirkman; two sisters - Martha (Mrs Hans) Christensen and Alice (Archie) Ward of Harlan; four grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 1, 1979 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Pastor Howard Wolfgram, officiating. Burial was in the Jacksonville cemetery with Mark and Harry Petersen, Jr., Rodger and David L. Christensen, Richard Johnson and Lynn Cadwell serving as casket-bearers.

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