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Harry Petersen, 87

Harry Petersen, son of Karen Nielsen and Christian Petersen was born Oct. 17, 1895, in Shelby co. He was educated and grew up in Monroe twp. On June 30, 1918, he married Luella Rold at Harlan and to this union four children were born. During World War I he served in the U.S. Army. He has farmed most of his life, farming three years in Audubon co. and over 40 years in Shelby co., until his retirement in 1960.

They were privileged to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in 1978. He was a charter member of the Grace Baptist church. He died at the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan on March 21, 1983, at the age of 87 years, 5 months and 4 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Luella in 1980, one son, Harry Jr.; three brothers, Charles, Peter and Nels; three sisters, Stena Andersen, Bertha Lamer and Esther Larsen. Survivors include two sons, Robert Petersen of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. and Richard Petersen of Harlan; one daughter, Mrs Bonnie (Donald) Petersen of Harlan; two sisters, Mrs Mary (E.M.) Christensen of Harlan and Mrs Hannah DeLong of Sunnyvale, Calif. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 24, 1983, at the Grace Baptist Church in Harlan with Rev. Robert Baker, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Ben Post, Ervin Lamer, Jeff Petersen, Todd Petersen, Mark Petersen and Brian Petersen serving as casketbearers.

Services conducted by the Burneister Funeral Home.