

## Iliff J. Petersen, 89

Iliff Jay Petersen, the son of Nels Peter and Anna Melgor Petersen was born Feb. 3, 1895 on a farm in Center twp., Shelby co. His early years were spent in Avoca and Casey areas. In 1912 he and his family moved to a farm north of Harlan. He and his brother Orville farmed on an uncle's farm south of Fiscus, for three years.

On Sept. 5, 1918 he enlisted into the U.S. Army at Audubon. He served his country during W.W. I as a Private First Class in the 1043th Demolition Group. After his honorable discharge on July 17, 1919, he returned to Harlan where he carried mail on Route 3 out of Harlan for a few years. He then went to work for Wilson Seed Co. and later he and his brother Ralph farmed in Douglas twp.

On Oct. 12, 1922, he married Myrtle M. Kevan at Co. Bluffs. They had one son Donald Eugene. They made their home on farms in Center and Douglas twps. In 1942, he purchased a farm in Cass twp., Shelby co. After Mrs Petersen died on July 2, 1954, he continued to live on the farm.

On Dec. 21, 1958, he married Clara M. Rold at Culbertson, Neb. After their marriage, they made their home on a farm in Cass twp., until 1962 when they moved to Harlan. This was his home until 1981, when he became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Home's in Elk Horn.

He was a member of the First United Methodist church in Harlan and was also a Past Commander and a member of W. W. I Barracks No. 1508 of Harlan. He died at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn on Wednesday, Sept. 12, 1984, at the age of 89 years, 7 months and 9 days.

In addition to his first wife Myrtle, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Orville, Ralph and Russell and an infant sister. He is survived by his wife Clara of Harlan; one son, Donald of Shelby; brothers, Harry, Eddie and Moody Petersen all of Harlan; and Lee Petersen of Red Oak; three grandchildren, Debbie Baker of Omaha; Kila Baker of Fremont, Neb.; and Dennis Petersen at home; three great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Friday, Sept. 14, 1984, at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan with Rev. George Gibson of First United Methodist church in Harlan, officiating.

Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with Olin Pash, Gayle Petersen, Allan R. Thompson, Dennis Petersen, Francis Petersen and Kenneth W. Peterson serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.