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John Otto Petersen, 91

John Otto Petersen, son of Christine Larsen and Carl Petersen was born July 26, 1891, in Jackson twp., Shelby co. He was educated in the rural Jackson twp. schools and attended the Harlan Business College. He farmed in Jackson twp. before entering the U.S. Army during World War I.

On March 19, 1919, he married Anna Olsen near Corley and to this union two children were born. They farmed in Clay and Monroe twp. for 27 years before moving to Harlan in 1946, where he did carpenter work for a number of years.

On July 27, 1950, he married Myrtle Faurschou at Omaha. He was baptized at the Bethlehem Lutheran church at Jacksonville and attended the First Baptist church of Harlan. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan at the age of 91 years and 9 months.

Mr Petersen was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Anna in 1945; 4 brothers, Peter, Alfred, William and Carl; six sisters, Mamie Albertson, Laura Armentrout, Anna Noon, Ella Dahlof, Rosa Armentrout and Louise Madsen. Survivors include his wife Myrtle of Harlan; one son, Wayne Petersen of Walnut; a daughter, Mrs Opal Marcussen of Harlan; one sister, Mrs Minnie Faulkner of Denvers, Ma.; one stepson, Fred Jensen of Dunedin Beach, Fla.; one stepdaughter, Mrs Julianne McDonald of Davenport. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, four step grandchildren, three step great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 29, 1983 at the Burmeister Funeral Home with Rev. George J. Spencer of the Merrills Grove Baptist church officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Earl Noon, Howard Dahlof, Carl Armentrout, Vernon Petersen, Eugene Petersen, Wayne M. Petersen and Elliott McDonald III serving as casketbearers.
