

Mary Petersen, 94 1981

Mary Petersen was born northeast of Kimballton, April 4, 1887 and was the daughter of Willis and Mary Rattenborg. She was baptized and confirmed in the Elk Horn Lutheran church, where her parents were members.

She married Carl Christiansen and gave birth to two sons and one daughter. During their marriage they lived in Atlantic. They separated in 1918. In 1923 she married George H. Petersen of the Jacksonville area and they farmed south of Jacksonville until George's death in 1941. During this time she was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran church in Jacksonville.

In 1943 she moved to Audubon and joined Our Saviors Lutheran church where she is currently a member. 15 years ago Mary moved to the Salem Nursing Home in Elk Horn, where she died Friday, Sept. 18, 1981.

Survivors include a daughter, Georgia (Mrs Francis) Teller of Arlington, So. Dak.; two sons Lester Christiansen of Jacksonville, Bender Christiansen of Oakdale, Calif.; a stepdaughter Evelyn (Mrs Pete) Jensen of Jacksonville; five grandchildren; ten grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, two children, one a girl three years of age, and an infant, a stepson, Everett Petersen, also a granddaughter, nine brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1981 at the Hansen Chapel in the Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn with Pastor Harry Thomsen officiating. Burial was in the Bethlehem Lutheran cemetery in Jacksonville with Mike Jensen, Jim Teller, Tom Teller and Lanny Christiansen serving as pallbearers.
