

Arlene Peterson-Gould, 87

April 13, 1917 - May 25, 2004

HARLAN – Arlene Rae Peterson Gould, the daughter of Fred Arthur and Jessie Mae Rains Smith, was born April 13, 1917, in Harlan. She was baptized at the Episcopal Church in Harlan. She attended school in Harlan and graduated from Harlan High School in 1935. After high school, she was employed as a secretary.

Arlene married Vincent Peterson Nov. 1, 1940, in Papillion, NE. They were the parents of six children, Karen, Gaylen, Janet, Randall, Martha and Patricia. They made their home in Stanton and Wausa, NE. In 1966, they moved and made their home in Davis, CA. Arlene was employed with REC, Potter Electric and also worked in her home as a homemaker, mother and seamstress. Vincent died in 1982 and in 1996, Arlene moved and made her home back in Harlan.

She married Russell Gould Sept. 12, 1997. She died May 25, 2004, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 87 years, one month and 12 days.

In addition to her parents, Arlene is preceded in death by her husbands, Vince Peterson and Russell Gould, and one stepbrother, Stellen Olson. She is survived by her children, Karen (Minehart) Brasch of Harlan; Gaylen Peterson (Cawnii) of Thompson Falls, MT; Janet R. Bracken of Odessa, TX; Randall Peterson (Joyce) of Wellington, OH; Martha (Ron) Nishimoto of Roseville, CA; and Patricia (Patti) (John) Simon of Blanchard, OK; one stepson, Graham Gould of Council Bluffs; 15 grandchildren, Marcy, Ryan, Rodney, Rebecca, Danny, Kelly, Scott, John, Brian, Amy, Shane, Cory, Zackary, Dawn and Ciera; 11 great-grandchildren; one sister, Jean Thurston of Harlan; and other relatives.

Memorial services were held May 29, 2004, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Pastor Heather Ploen clergy. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery.

