

## Verlee Peters, 69

March 26, 1931 - April 10, 2000 ✓

**TENNANT** – Verlee Anna Marie (Knudsen) Peters was born March 26, 1931, on the Knudsen family farm, daughter of Harry and Kathrine Mortensen Knudsen. She grew up in the Jacksonville area and was baptized and confirmed at the Jacksonville Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She attended Jackson No. 4 country school, west of Jacksonville, through the eighth grade and then graduated from Harlan High School in 1949.

She married Harold Dean Peters Feb. 15, 1954, in the Jacksonville Bethlehem Lutheran Church. To this union five children were born, Bonnie Jean, a baby girl; David Dean, Connie Ann and Ernest H. After their marriage, they farmed north of Tennant, until 1970, when they moved onto the Peters family farm. They lived there until 1998, when they moved to Tennant. Verlee was a member of the Pioneer Country Club all of her married years, and was a current member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Shelby. Verlee baked and decorated wedding cakes with her cousin, Alice Pieper, and her sister-in-law, Helen Knudsen, for over 45 years. She died April 10, 2000, at her home in Tennant, at age 69 years and 15 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a baby daughter in February of 1957; and her sister-in-law, Pearl, in April of 1976. She is survived by her husband, Harold; four children, Bonnie (Jim) Utter of Bondurant; David Peters (Bonnie) of Shelby; Connie (Dale) Schroder of Shelby and Ernest Peters (Lori) of Portsmouth; 12 grandchildren; two brothers, Lyle Knudsen (Helen) of Harlan and Merlyn Knudsen (Jeannette) of Jacksonville; her mother-in-law, Mildred Peters Quimby of Harlan; an uncle and aunt, George and Alice Mortensen of Elk Horn; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 13, 2000, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Harlan, with Reverend Jon Benson officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery. Funeral attendants were Tammy Utter, Jenna Schroder, Megan Peters and Skyler Peters. Honorary casket bearers were Lyle Knudsen, Richard Peters, Emmert Knudsen, Merlyn Knudsen, Eugene Peters, George Mortensen and Harold Pieper. Casket bearers were Max Knudsen, Steven Peters, Carol Brigandi, Joanie Heuton, Dan Knudsen, Ronald Peters, Dr. Linda Peters and Cindy Larsen. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

