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Anabelle Petersen, 89

June 8, 1918 - Aug. 9, 2007

HARLAN - Anabelle Petersen was born June 8, 1918, to J. L. and Anna (Larson) Maxwell on a farm in Center Township in rural Harlan. She attended Center Township #1 through eighth grade and graduated with the Class of 1936 from Harlan High School. She received her normal training and became a teacher, teaching at a country school near Harlan.

June 1, 1941, Anabelle married Raymond Petersen in Omaha, NE. Four children were born to this union, Beverly, Marlene, Ron, and Lamond. When the children were older, she worked at Ben Franklin's for a couple years. She was also very interested in history and genealogy and was a member of the Genealogy Society and the Shelby County Historical Society, running the Society's booth at the fair for several years. In 1995, she was inducted into the Shelby County Fair Hall of Fame. She was also an active member of the Red Hat Society, Rebecca Lodge, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Anabelle and Raymond were members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville for several years. She died Aug. 9, 2007, at age 89 years, two months, and one day.

Anabelle was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Lamond; her brother, John Maxwell; and her sister, Daisy Stepp. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Raymond Petersen of Harlan; her son, Ron Petersen of Kimballton; her daughters, Beverly Cox and Marlene Wahl; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; her brother, Art Maxwell (Adeline) of Harlan; nieces, nephews; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 13, 2007, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Pastor Ron Rasmussen officiating. Casket bearers were Ron Petersen, Devin Townsend, Tanner Wahl, Brian Wahl, Loren Wahl, and Troy Wahl. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery.

