

## Anna Petersen, 95

*Oct. 7, 1907 - July 18, 2003*

**HARLAN** – Anna M. Petersen, daughter of C. John and Wilhemina Peterhoff Peters, was born Oct. 7, 1907, in Irwin. She attended country and Irwin schools.

Feb. 22, 1928, Anna married Edward F. Petersen at the home of the bride in Irwin. To this union four daughters were born, Arlene, Verlee, Frieda and Sandra. After their marriage, they and Anna's parents lived on the family farm until the death of her father in 1940, and her mother in 1949. Anna and Edward purchased the land and farmed it until 1967, when they retired from farming. They rented out the land and continued to live on the farm. In 1970, Edward died leaving the farm to his wife and four children. Anna continued to live there for a few years, then moving into Harlan, in 1973, having lived on the farm where she was born for 65 years. She was a lifetime member of the Irwin Methodist Church and United Methodist Women. She was also a member of the Rebecca Lodge for 29 years. She served as president of the Golden Chain for several years. She belonged to many card clubs. Anna died July 18, 2003, at Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan, at age 95 years, nine months and 11 days.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Edward, she was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters, Alma Nielsen, Carl Peters, Matilda Kock and Alfred Peters; one son-in-law, Leo Huckins; and one grandson, Todd Behrend. Survivors include her daughters, Arlene (Robert) Jacobsen of West Des Moines; Verlee (Jim) McMahon of Waterloo; Frieda Huckins of Council Bluffs; and Sandra Behrend of Lincoln, NE; 13 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; five great great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 21, 2003, at the United Methodist Church in Irwin, with Rev. Keith Pals officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin, with Pauline Ripley, Manly Humphrey, Walter and June Murray and Vernon and Nora Campbell honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Craig Behrend, Michael Huckins, Tim Behrend, Marsha Yohe, Patricia McNelly, Barry McMahon, Scott McMahon, Lance McMahon, James McMahon, Andy Jacobsen, Robin Jacobsen, Roger Jacobsen and Annette Krause. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

