

## **Imo Petersen, 90**

*Jan. 31, 1911 – Feb. 23, 2001*

**BRAYTON** – Imo Sophia Petersen, daughter of Harry and Nannie Nielsen Nymand, was born Jan. 31, 1911, on her parents' farm west of Brayton, and died Feb. 23, 2001, at the Exira Care Center at age 90 years and 22 days. She was baptized and confirmed at the Brayton Lutheran Church. She attended Oakfield Center School No. 5, then helped on the family farm. Imo cared for her parents.

After her mother died, she married William Petersen in February of 1966. They lived on Imo's parents' farm and Bill was engaged in farming with her father. Harry died and Imo and Bill operated the farm for several years. Bill died and Imo lived on the farm until she moved to Harlan in December of 1988. While in Harlan, she was active with the Harlan Church of Christ. She had an auto accident in 1991, which caused many health problems. She became a resident of the Exira Care Center in 1998. She was a member of the Brayton Lutheran Church. She attended Keenagers and was a member of the Oakhill Helping Hands Social Club where she served as secretary for many years.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were her parents and her sisters, Olivia Erickson, Edna Nymand and Ella Knower. Survivors include her nephew and niece, Charles (Mary) Knower and Nancy (Tony) Costanza; and her good friends, Dr. Gary (Camelia) Jorgensen of Harlan, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 26, 2001, at the Brayton Lutheran Church. Burial was in the Oakhill Cemetery west of Brayton. Casket bearers were Herbert Hansen, Bruce Hoegh, Charles Knower, Russell Nielsen, Robert Nymand, Jr. and Robert Nymand, Sr. Kessler Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.