

Irma Ann Petersen, 89

Oct. 21, 1911 - April 26, 2001

ELK HORN – Irma Ann, daughter of Marinus and Anna (Christensen) Christensen, was born Oct. 21, 1911, at Robeck. She graduated from Harlan High School and then attended Iowa State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls. She then taught rural schools Polk #7 and Center #1 in Shelby County.

June 4, 1933, she married Roland A. Petersen in Atlantic. Three children were born to this union. They made their home on a farm near Elk Horn. She was a homemaker and also helped with the farming. She taught piano lessons to her grandchildren. In 1971, they moved into Elk Horn. She was a member of the Baptist Church in Elk Horn where she was a longtime organist and Sunday School teacher. March 9, 2001, her husband died and about a month later, April 6, she entered Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn. She died there April 26, 2001, at age 89 years, six months and five days.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Irene Sorensen; and three brothers, Earl Christensen, Emery Christensen and Arlo Christensen. She is survived by one son, Lynn (Joyce) Petersen of Elk Horn; two daughters, Julie (Dean) Flesner of Bloomington, IL and Dixie (Rodney) Knowles of Roswell, GA; seven grandchildren, Brian (Lisa) Petersen of Rochester, MN; Kim (Jeff) Mossman of Eldora; Kevin (Carrie) Petersen of Walnut; Shery (Andy) Dishman and Sandy (Scott) Beetler, all of Marietta, GA; and Roddy and Chris Knowles of Roswell, GA; ten great grandchildren, Andrea, Jenna and Reed Petersen; Melissa, Clarke and Emily Mossman; Kendall and Kyle Petersen; Jackson and Emery Beetler; one brother, Arion Christensen of Bend, OR; and nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 28, 2001, at the First Baptist Church, Elk Horn, with Pastor Mike Marcum officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Ken Potts, Norman Juelsgaard, Don Gibson, Leo Kragelund, Duane Ortgies and James Sorensen. Casket bearers were Stanley Christensen, Kenneth Christensen, Myron Sorensen, Tom Potts, Ron McCord and Rick Andersen. Ohde Funeral Home, Kimballton, in charge of arrangements.

