

## Raymond L. Petersen, 87

*March 28, 1915 - Sept. 28, 2002*

**JACKSONVILLE** – Raymond Loyd Petersen was born to Sena (Christensen) and Peter Nissen Petersen March 28, 1915, on a farm one mile north of Jacksonville. He was baptized and confirmed at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church near Jacksonville, and attended country school in the Jacksonville area. A lifelong Jacksonville native, Raymond farmed with his father and brother until purchasing his own farm one-half mile north of Jacksonville in 1958. He continued farming until his retirement in 1981.

Feb. 12, 1960, he married Martha Arp Myers at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The couple made their home on Raymond's farm where they were currently residing at the time of his death. Raymond was a lifelong member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. In addition to farming, he raised cattle and hogs. He died Sept. 28, 2002, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 87 years, six months and one day.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Glenn. He is survived by his wife, Martha Petersen of Jacksonville; stepchildren, Robert Myers (Bonnie) of Shelby and Darta (Homer) Buell of Rose, NE; seven grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Mae Petersen of Jacksonville; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 1, 2002, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, with the Rev. Henry Flessner officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery, Avoca, with Chad Buell, Shane Hoepner, Homer Buell, Carl R. Petersen, Wayne Petersen, David Hulsebus, Charles Myers and Steve Myers casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

