

F. Vivian Peterson, 91

Oct. 28, 1907 - Jan. 29, 1999

DUNLAP - Florence Vivian Peterson, daughter of Clarence and Addie (May) Talcott, was born Oct. 28, 1907, on a farm west of Dunlap. She died at the Rose Vista Home Jan. 29, 1999, at age 91. Vivian received her education at various schools in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota, graduating from high school in 1926, from Wessington High School in South Dakota as valedictorian. She furthered her education at the Aberdeen State Normal School where she received her teaching degree. She taught in country schools around the Washington area.

Dec. 24, 1930, she married Clifford Frank "C.F." Peterson at the Lutheran Parsonage in Aberdeen, SD. The couple farmed in the Wessington area. In the fall of 1933, they moved to Iowa and lived on various farms around the Logan and Dunlap area settling on a farm west of Dunlap. The first of the 12 children was born in 1932. Farming and caring for children took up the majority of her time until the family moved into town in 1962, where she lived until June of 1998, at which time she became a resident of Rose Vista Home in Woodbine. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church at Dunlap.

She was preceded in death by her brother Chick Talcott; son, William Gary in infancy; granddaughter, Luann Peterson Johnson; and her husband of 65 years C.F. March 2, 1996. Survivors include her 11 children, Charles Peterson (Marge) of Dunlap; Dean Peterson of San Clemente, CA; Gene Petersen (Myra) of Omaha; Dick Peterson (Chris) of Falkville, AL; Jack Peterson (Jan) of South Sioux City, NE; Jan (Dave) Ploth of Charleston, SC; Ginett (Lowell) Janssen of Englewood, CO; Pat (Dave) Rannells of Bonita, CA; Peg (Roger) Nelson of Oak Grove, MO; Jerry Peterson of Omaha and Larry Peterson of Kansas City, MO; 33 grandchildren; 42 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 1, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church, Dunlap, with Rev. Sue Ellen Sherman officiating. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were her grandsons. Casket bearers were Steve Peterson, Mike Peterson, Brian Nelson, Chad Rannells, Justin Peterson and Keith Peterson. Fouts Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.