

Gladys Peterson, 83 ✓

Feb. 6, 1915 - Feb. 26, 1998

ELK HORN - Gladys Tena Mae Johnson was born the last of ten children to Lewis and Cora (Nott) Johnson Feb. 6, 1915, near Terrill. She died Feb. 26, 1998, at the Salem Nursing Home at age 83 years and 20 days. Following her graduation from Terrill High School she made her home with her sister and brother-in-law, Josie and Bennie Peterson. During this time she graduated and received her diploma from the Fort Dodge School of Cosmetology.

Nov. 28, 1939, she married Alva R. Peterson. To this union four children were born, Raymond, Vernon, Jerilyn and Jeanette. They lived and farmed on the Peterson farmstead southwest of Elk Horn. Gladys worked as a cook at the Danish Inn for a short time and later at the Salem Homes. She was known for her beautiful cake decorating and cooking skills. She did quilting and her favorite hobby, china painting. She was a longtime member of the Nishna Valley China Dolls. She had also been a member of the Neighborhood Club. Under the pen name, "The Little Red Hen", Gladys took pleasure in gathering Clay Township News for the local newspapers. A lifetime member as a Seventh-Day Adventist, she currently held her membership at the West Exira S.D.A. Church. She was very active and loved her little church out in the country. She tried to live her sermons by doing things for others. She visited shut-ins and was always sending cards or baking bread and taking it and soup to someone sick or hurting.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Alva; a brother, Joseph (who died in infancy), and three other brothers and their wives, Jay Johnson (Wilma); John Johnson (Ruth) and Roy Johnson (Hazel); four sisters, Ethel Davis (Walter); Daisy Almond; Josie Peterson (Bennie); and Nellie Christensen (Harry); and one brother-in-law, Ted Andersen. Survivors include her children and their spouses, Raymond Peterson (Jeanette) of Elk Horn; Vernon Peterson (Pat) of Topeka, KS; Jerilyn Perkins (Chris) of Fort Collins, CO and Jeanette Rawson (Curtis) of Keystone; eight grandchildren, Theresa Peterson; Terry (Shanon) Peterson; Tammy (Kyle) Miller; Scott (Aida) Peterson; Brad (Theresa) Larsen; and Amy, Kevin and Robin Rawson; one sister, Ruth Andersen of Hindsville, AR; one brother-in-law, Ashton Almond of Visalia, CA; three great grandchildren, Tyler and Cole Miller and Brandon Larsen; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 2, 1998, at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home with Mr. Bob Mohr and Rev. Michael Williams officiating and Mrs. Wava Peterson gave the Eulogy. Burial was in the Clay Township Cemetery, rural Elk Horn. Honorary casket bearers were Roland Eskov, Lyle Petersen, Wilbur Sorenson and LuVerne Petersen. Casket bearers were Kyle Miller, Kevin Rawson, Terry Peterson, Brad Larson, Scott Peterson and Rocky Peterson. Steen Funeral Home, Kimballton, in charge of arrangements.