

**Edna Mae Petersen,**  
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**March 22, 1924 - June 15, 2017**

**TOPEKA, KS** – Edna Mae Petersen was born March 22, 1924 in Harlan, the daughter of Edwin and Ethel Marie (Edwards) Nelson. She graduated from Harlan High School and attended American Institute of Business in Des Moines.

She was employed as the Business Office Manager at Topeka Presbyterian Manor for 15 years, retiring in 1989.

She was a member of Countryside United Methodist Church since 1971 where she was active in Adult Sunday School, Monday Morning Bible Study, Women's Circle, Administrative Board and Gifts & Memorials Committee (Chair). She also enjoyed her T.O.P.S. Friday morning group.

Edna Mae married Durrell Copeland Petersen on May 19, 1946 in Des Moines.

Edna Mae passed away Thursday, June 15, 2017 at Brewster Place in Topeka, KS.

Edna Mae's husband Durrell preceded her in death May 1, 1981 and two sisters, Margaret and Lois. Survivors include daughter, Janet Petersen, Oak Park, IL; son, Jim (Ellen) Petersen, Elburn, IL; grandchildren, Peter, Melisa, Mandy; and two great-grandsons.

Memorial services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at Countryside United Methodist Church. Private family inurnment was at the Harlan Cemetery in Harlan.

Memorial contributions may be made to Countryside United Methodist Church, 3221 SW Burlingame Road, Topeka, KS 66611.

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