

October 11, 2001

Elizabeth Petersen

Aug. 29, 1920, to Oct. 7, 2001

Elizabeth "Betty" Petersen, 81, of rural Gilbert, died of renal failure on Sunday, Oct. 7, at her home.

She was born in Ames on Aug. 29, 1920, to Ernest and Ruth (Hines) Carter. She was a graduate of Ames High School. She married Irving (Sonny) Petersen on April 21, 1941, in Trenton, Mo., and lived as a homemaker and farmwife. She was a member of the Gilbert Lutheran Church, Neighborhood Prayer Group, Milford Social Hour, assisted for five years with Confirmation at Memorial Lutheran Church in Nevada and she enjoyed painting, crocheting and knitting. She had lived in the Ames, Gilbert and Nevada area all of her life.

Survivors include her husband, Irving (Sonny) of Gilbert; five daughters, Connie Safly and Karen Wilson, both of Gilbert, Vicki Albers of Omaha, Neb., Cindy Olinger of Ames and Kim Reilly of Gilbert; 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; her stepmother, Arthena Moore of Paradise, Calif.; and two sisters, Helen Clark of Aurora, Colo., and Joyce Cooper of Westminster, Colo.

Her parents; her stepfather, Harold Lee; and one granddaughter, Carmon Willson, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Oct. 10, at Gilbert Lutheran Church with the Rev. Thomas Prochnow officiating. Burial was in the South St. Petri Cemetery, rural Gilbert. Memorials may be made to the Gilbert Lutheran Church or Mary Greeley Medical Center Foundation for Homeward Hospice. Adams Funeral Home, Ames, handled arrangements.

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