

Orpha P. Peterson

Mrs. Orpha P. Peterson, 92, of Laguna Hills, Calif., a former resident of Brooklyn, died Tuesday, June 8, 2001, at Beverly Manor Nursing Home, Laguna Hills, Calif., following a long illness.

Memorial services for Mrs. Peterson will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 7, at the Nevenhoven Funeral Home, Brooklyn. Rev. Daniel Ogata will officiate with Eastern Star Rites conducted by Holly Chapter #477 OES of Malcom. Private burial of the remains will follow in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.

Orpha Pauline Rogers Peterson, daughter of Earl and Clara Rogers, was born March 20, 1909, in Kodak, S.D. She graduated from high school in Rapid City, S.D.

She married Wallace (Pete) Peterson on April 10, 1930, and one daughter Barbara was born to the couple. They lived in Rapid City until 1942, at which time they moved to Knoxville, Ia. In 1945, they moved to Brooklyn and ran the Jack Spratt grocery store until 1950. Orpha then worked for the TIP Rural Electric, retiring in 1974.

She moved to Orange, Calif. in 1977 to be near her daughter, Barbara and Gene Smith and family. Orpha entered a board and care home in 1990 because of failing health and entered the nursing home in September of 1997.

Mrs. Peterson was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Order of the Eastern Star and White Shrine of Newton.

She is survived by her daughter Barbara and son-in-law Gene Smith of Orange, Calif.; her four grandchildren, Tom Smith of Orange, Ken and Jayne Smith of Norco, Calif., and Cathy Smith of Las Vegas, and Diane Smith of Colorado Springs.

Preceding her in death were her parents; two brothers, Jim and Joe Rogers; and two sisters, Eva Means and Lucille Robbins.

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