



Evelyn Peterson

December 31, 2002

Evelyn Margaret Peterson, nee Bierbaum, age 91, of Villa Park, IL, formerly of Crookston, MN and McAllen, TX, died Dec. 19 at Jones-Harrison Residence, Minneapolis, where she had been living for three months. She was born Oct. 8, 1911 in Eyota, MN to Edward Peter Bierbaum and Clara Mary Schmidt Bierbaum. She grew up in Clearbrook, MN as the oldest of 10 children. Evelyn worked in the 1930's and 1940's as a 4-H club agent in seven Minnesota counties, as a county fair judge of food, clothing and 4-H in 10 northwest Minnesota counties, as the WPA Farm Housing Survey Director in West Polk County, MN, as director of the Girls Center of the National Youth Administration in Fairmont, MN, as a social worker, as a Minnesota State Fair 4-H judge, and as the Minnesota and North Dakota State Director of the Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool Contest 1968-1978 sponsored by the National Wool Growers Association. She taught Home Economics at the Northwest School of Agriculture in Crookston, MN 1953-1958 where she received their Top Aggie Award in 1999. Between 1979-2002 she traveled to 53 countries. She retired to McAllen, TX 1978-1996, then lived with her daughter, Margaret Peterson, a teacher at York High School in Elmhurst 1996-2002. She married G. Milford Peterson of Warren, MN on April 20, 1941 and had three children and four grandchildren. Preceded in death by her husband, G. Milford Peterson; and siblings, Lloyd, Vilas, Valiere, Wesley, Vincent, Wayne and Curtis. Survived by children, Margaret Peterson of Villa Park, IL, Virginia (Don) Olson of Bloomington, MN and Keith (Kathryn) Peterson of Edina, MN;

grandchildren, Karl, Peter, Sara and Eric; brother, Keith (Luise) Bierbaum of Steilacoom, WA and sister, Blanche Mund of McAllen, TX. Memorial Service Sunday, Jan. 5, 2 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 545 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park, IL 60181, 630-832-5580. Memorials to the St. Paul Lutheran Memorial Fund or to the Northwest School of Agriculture Alumni Fund (UMC), Crookston, MN 56716, 218-281-8437. Washburn-McReavy, Edina Chapel, 952-920-3996.