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Services Held For Marion Hattervig

Marion Sigrid Petersen was born December 24, 1910 on a farm one and a half miles south of Viborg, South Dakota. She was the second of two daughters born to John and Anna Petersen. In 1916 the family purchased a farm three miles west of Viborg where Marion would live until 1979 and would always consider her home. Marion graduated from the Flint Eementary School located a mile and a half north of the Petersen farm.

Marion's parents were Danish immigrants, from the Horsens area, who came to America as newlyweds in 1902. They instilled in Marion a strong appreciation for family and the family farm. The family farm was important to Marion because it represented the hard work and struggle of her parents to achieve the immigrants dream of land ownership. Like many families the Petersen's experienced the hardship of the depression years. Marion was very proud her family survived these difficulties and retained their farm.

Marion took care of her family members. Her sister Sena and her mother both died at a young age and Marion saw to their need during their final days. Marion also later took in and cared for her father when he became a convalescent.

Marion's experiences led her to be a woman who did not show her expressions openly but those who knew her knew she gave her unquestioned love to her parents, her sister and later to her husband and children.

Marion married George Hattervig on November 30th, 1942. For their honeymoon they travelled with his brother and sister-in-law Ray and Irma Hattervig and their infant daughter Sharon to a farm near Bradgate, Iowa. George and Marion started farming on property four

miles north of Viborg where they lived for three years. In 1946 they moved to the Petersen farm where they lived until they retired from farming and moved to Viborg in 1979.

George and Marion had two children, Larry born January 4, 1944 and Eldon born October 22, 1949. Larry was a special child who preceded Marion in death on August 8, 1976. Following Larry's death, George and Marion had much more time together which they used to travel and do volunteer work. Especially enjoyable was a trip to visit relatives in Norway and Denmark in 1983 with their son Eldon.

George and Marion were members of the Bethany Lutheran Church and Chapter 61 of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Marion passed away on June 10, 1991 after successfully struggling with cancer for 32 years. The family would like people to know it is possible for people to go on and live after contracting this disease.

Marion is survived by her husband George, son Eldon in Jefferson City, MO., and several cousins in California and Denmark.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, June 12, 1991 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Viborg, with Pastor Kevin Lee officiating. Organist was Mrs. Helen Holm and special music by Pastor and Mrs. Noel T. Vold.

Pallbearers were Gary Skogen, James Oakland, Bob Christopherson, Duane Jackson, Roger Hattervig and Raymond Jespersen. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

She was laid to rest in the Bethania Cemetery in Viborg, S. D.
