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PENDLETON — Edna Mae Peterson, 82, of Pendleton died Thursday, April 15, 2010, at Suttle Care and Retirement in Pendleton. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 22 at Olney Cemetery. A celebration of life luncheon will follow at the Pendleton Elks Lodge.

Mrs. Peterson was born Dec. 31, 1927, at her uncle's ranch at Coombs Canyon near Pendleton to Frank Jacob and Anna May (Bashor) Britain. She attended schools in Bend, Albany and finally Pendleton.

She married Frederick (Freddie) M. Peterson in 1947 in Walla Walla. She was a lifelong homemaker.

Mrs. Peterson is survived by daughter Annette P. Skinner of Pendleton; sons Carl F. Peterson and Chris

C. Peterson, both of Pendleton; sister Patricia Massie of Hermiston; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.



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She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Anna Britain; husband Freddie Peterson; brothers Frank, Jack, Charles, Gene and Virgil

Britain; and sisters Marie Blakley, Ruth Hoover and Bertha Britain.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, St. Anthony Hospice, Cystic Fibrosis, Round-Up and Happy Canyon Hall of Fame, VFW Ladies' Auxiliary or the Pendleton Elks Eye Clinic.

Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop is in charge of arrangements.

Edna Mae (Britain) Peterson passed away in Pendleton, OR on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at Suttle Care and Retirement after a long illness. She was 82 years of age. A graveside service will be held at Olney Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 22 with a Celebration of Life luncheon at the Pendleton Elks Lodge immediately following the service. All family and friends are invited. Disposition will be by cremation.

Mrs. Peterson was the seventh child of ten children born to Frank Jacob Britain and Anna May (Bashor) Britain. She was born on her uncle's ranch near Coombs Canyon on December 31, 1927. She attended schools in Bend, Albany and finally in Pendleton. She married Freddie (Freddie) M. Peterson of Pendleton on May 5, 1947 in Walla Walla, WA. They moved to the family wheat ranch on Patawa Creek and there they raised their family of three children.

Mrs. Peterson was a homemaker who was active in the local PTA, serving where asked as an officer. She volunteered as a room mother every year and many times was room mother for all three children's classrooms in the same year. She was a volunteer at the local Bargain Counter for twenty years and did so until her health failed. Edna was a Cub Scout den mother and a Camp Fire leader. She loved to sew and has left many beautiful quilts as a legacy. She loved to read, do crossword puzzles, play cards, and participate in Yachtzee marathons. For years her favorite sport was bowling. She was a member of many bowling teams and times traveled to bowling tournaments throughout the state.

Gardening and making bread were special pastimes that she enjoyed doing for her family. When harvest was completed, she loved to go to the beach each summer. Attending rodeos while her husband competed was a family tradition. She traveled to Hawaii, Mexico, Northern Europe and many places in the western United States. Membership in the Emblem Club and the local Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW brought her great pleasure, although due to poor health she was not active in the last few years. She was a wonderful and loyal friend to many. Her greatest joy was her family, especially the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The collection of pewter was a special passion of hers. Everyone was welcome at her dinner table, even complete strangers.

Mrs. Peterson was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years Frederick (Freddie) M. Peterson, her parents, brothers Frank, Jack, Charles, Gene, and Virgil Britain, and sisters Marie Blakley, Ruth Hoover and Bertha Britain. She is survived by her daughter Annette P. Skinner and husband Kirt, sons Carl F. Peterson and Chris C. Peterson and wife Jennifer, sister Patricia Massie of Hermiston, OR twelve grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson and numerous nieces and nephews.

If family and friends would like to make a donation in memory of Edna, the family suggests that they do so to The Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon Hall of Fame, Alzheimer's Research, Cystic Fibrosis of Oregon, Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW and The Pendleton Elks Eye Clinic, St. Anthony Hospice and Umatilla County Historical Society.

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