

Shurs. Dec. 25, 1969

OBITUARIES

Funeral Services Conducted Here for Mrs. Erie Peterson

Mrs. Hans (Erie A.) Peterson, 85 year old Bonners Ferry resident, passed away at Deaconess hospital in Spokane December 17th following a short illness.

Mrs. Peterson first came to Bonners Ferry more than 82 years ago, and was the first white girl to make her home here. At that time her father, Charlie Smith, drove the stage between Kootenai and Bonners Ferry, using teams of oxen.

She was born December 12, 1884, in Gentry county, Mo., the daughter of Charlie and Cynthia Roatan Johnson Smith. At six months of age she moved with her parents to Kootenai, Idaho, where she made her home for two years before moving to Bonners Ferry with her parents.

She later moved to Wardner, Idaho, and while still a young girl moved with her parents to Wilbur, Wash., before moving to Lewiston, Idaho. In 1901 she returned to Boundary county with her parents and they moved to their home in Porthill.

On June 17, 1919, she married Hans F. Peterson at Bonners Ferry and they made their home in Porthill, where Mr. Peterson did woods work until 1920 when she moved with her husband to Naples, where they operated a ranch.

She was preceded in death by her husband in March of 1955 and at that time she sold the ranch at Naples and moved to Bonners Ferry where she made her home at the time of her death. She was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, Johanna Peterson.

She was a member of the Boundary County Historical Society and the Bonners Ferry Assembly of God church.

Survivors include two brothers, Charley B. (Tot) Smith, Bonners Ferry, and Forrie A. Smith, Spokane; a sister, Mrs. Jane M. Bussard, Albany, Ore., also several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted December 20th at Hillcrest Memorial chapel, with Rev. Len Schmautz officiating. Interment, directed by Hillcrest, was in I.O.O.F. cemetery, Porthill.

Pallbearers were Frank Hanson, Gale Hickok, Hugh Lamson, John Morris, Irvin Streeter and Cecil Morris.