

Fern Hirschhorn ¹¹⁻²⁻¹⁹⁶

ATHENA — Fern M. Hirschhorn, 90, of 329 E. Darwin St. died at her home Nov. 28, 1996, after a short illness.

The graveside service will be 1 p.m. Friday at Mount Hope Cemetery, College Place, with Pastor Doug Johnson officiating.

The fourth of five children, Mrs. Hirschhorn was born Nov. 23, 1906, in Shelby County, Iowa, to Simon and Margaret Christensen Petersen. She graduated from Oak Park Academy, Nevada, Iowa, and earned a registered nursing degree in 1928 from White Memorial Hospital College of Medical Evangelists in Los Angeles.

She worked as a nurse until Dec. 14, 1942, when she married William D. Hirschhorn in Glendale, Calif. A widower, her husband had five children — the oldest at 22 was in the armed forces in Europe at the time, and the youngest was a 4-year-old. The couple had a daughter in 1946.

They lived on an almond farm outside Livingston, Calif., until Mr. Hirschhorn died Nov. 19, 1967. At that time, Mrs. Hirschhorn bought a home nearby and lived there until about 1988.

She then moved to the Seventh-day Adventist Retirement Apartments in Yountville, Calif., to be near daughter Alfreda Bartlett, who lived in Vallejo, Calif. Shortly after Mrs. Bartlett's death on Jan. 2, 1993, Mrs. Hirschhorn came to live with granddaughter Elaine Shaw in Athena.

She was a lifetime member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. For more than 30 years she was treasurer of the Livingston Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Surviving are her granddaughter at home, two daughters, Violet Kratzler of Ipswich, S.D., and Earnest McLeod of Redding, Calif.; two sons, Edwin Hirschhorn of Kerman, Calif., and Ralph Hirschhorn of Mantel, Calif.; a sister, Thelma Dollinger of Lodi, Calif.; 18 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her son, Elmer Hirschhorn, and three siblings.

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