

## **Donald Eugene Petersen, 66**

**Nov. 1, 1928 - Mar. 10, 1995**

**Shelby** - Donald Eugene Petersen was born in Ottumwa Nov. 1, 1928. His adoptive parents were Iloff and Myrtle Kevan Petersen. He made his home on the family farm near Tennant. He attended school in Tennant and graduated in 1949. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Don or "Pete" as many of his friends knew him, moved to Omaha where he met Rita Crosier. They were married Feb. 2, 1957 in a country church in Pawnee County, NE. They continued to make their home in Omaha. In 1962 they moved to the farm near Tennant and then in 1968 they moved to Shelby. In 1968 he went to work for Vickers Manufacturing in Omaha. They were the parents of three children. He retired from Vickers in 1993 after 27 years with the company. He was a member of the Tennant Methodist Church and the Shelby American Legion Post #240. He died at his home March 10, 1995 at age 66 years, four months and 9 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a step-mother Clara Rold Petersen. Survivors are his wife, Rita, their children; Debra (Roger) Baker of Falls City, NE, Kila (Jim) Baker of Fremont, NE and Dennis Petersen also of Fremont, seven grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 14, 1995 at Knutson Funeral Home in Avoca with Rev. Ernest Ruehle officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery with Military services by the Shelby American Legion Post #240. Casket bearers were: Bob Stuhr, Gayle Petersen, Randy Pash, Bill Barrett, Glen Hipnar and James Boardman. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.