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Duane Petersen, 50

AVOCA – Duane Albert Petersen was born in Avoca, Aug. 5, 1939. He was the son of Christian and Eva Comstock Petersen. He was one of five sons in the family. He attended school in Avoca and graduated with the class of 1957. Shortly after graduation he entered the U.S. Air Force.

He married Dorothy Carver Feb. 15, 1959 at Cocoa Beach, FL. They were the parents of three children. They lived in many places while he was served his 20 years in the Air Force. He retired from the service in June of 1977 as a Tec. Sergeant. Since his retirement he worked six years for Control Data Corporation and the past two years he has been employed by the University of Nebraska Hospitals in Omaha, where he made surgical instruments. He was a member of V.F.W. in Avoca and the National Rifle Association.

He died suddenly on Sept. 16, 1989, at age 50 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Edward. Surviving him are his wife, Dorothy; one son, Duane Jr. and two daughters, Teresa (Chuck) Madden; three brothers, Richard, Ronnie and Jack all living in Avoca; besides nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 18, 1989 at Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Dean Sudman, officiating. Casketbearers were Gary Krummel, John Butcher, Charles Ronnfeldt, Douglas Blumer, Richard Holtz and Edward Ransom. Burial was in Graceland cemetery in Avoca. Knutson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.