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Verne E. Petersen, 60

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AVOCA — Funeral Mass for Verne E. Petersen of Shelby was Thursday morning (Feb. 26) at Avoca St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial was in the Neola Cemetery.

Petersen, 60, died Mon., Feb. 23, 1987, at a Council Bluffs hospital. Visitation was held Wednesday evening at Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home in Avoca.

Petersen was an insurance salesman and later, an antique dealer in Shelby. He and his wife, JoAnn, were married 37 years.

Surviving besides his wife are four daughters — Deborah of Phoenix, AZ., Teresa (Mrs. Gene) Olsen of Leon, and Ann Alukonif and Lori Burger, both of Shelby; four sons — Dennis, David, Curtis, and James, all of Omaha, NE.; his mother, Edna Petersen of Council Bluffs; a sister, Janet Thompson of Crescent; two brothers, Dallas of Omaha, NE., and Robert of Ashland, NE.; and nine grandchildren.