

Ralph Martin Peters, 80

Sept. 29, 1914 - Sept. 29, 1994 ✓

Harlan - Ralph Martin Peters, son of Anton and Sophie (Plahn) Peters, was born Sept. 29, 1914, in Lincoln Township, rural Walnut. He attended country school in Lincoln Township, and then farmed with his father.

Jan. 20, 1938, at the farm outside of Walnut, he married Ruth Benschoter of Hancock. The couple farmed outside of Walnut. She died Sept. 20, 1974, in Omaha. In 1976 at age 62, he retired to Harlan.

He married Eileen Shea Leuschen at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, Aug. 14, 1976. They enjoyed traveling, and he also liked wood-working. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, and of the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan. He died Sept. 29, 1994, on his 80th birthday, at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Avoca.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one brother, Bernhardt; and one sister, Faye Fredricksen. Survivors include his wife, Eileen of Harlan; one daughter, Linda Palmer of Griswold; one son, Bruce (Arlene) Peters of Corning; two sisters, Elsa Peters and Helen Kuhr, both of Walnut; one brother, Lloyd Peters of Avoca; two step-sons, Jerry (Sue) Leuschen of Levittown, NY, and Dan Leuschen of Chicago, IL; one step-daughter-in-law, Sandi Leuschen of Harlan; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Oct. 1, 1994, at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan, with Rev. C.G. "Gary" Nienkamp officiating. Casket bearers were: Rick Palmer, Greg Palmer, Tony Peters, Steve Forsyth, David Boyd, and Jason Neutzling. Burial was in Graceland cemetery in Avoca. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.