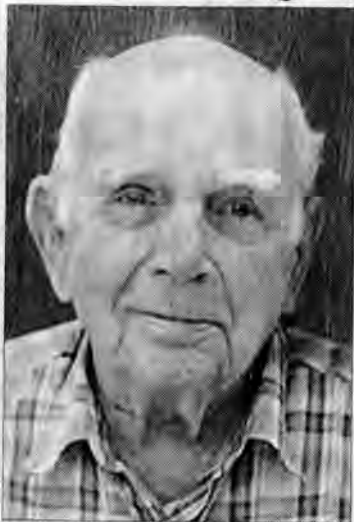


Vernus Peters, 95

Aug. 12, 1918 - Oct. 17, 2013

AVOCA — Vernus Orval Peters was born on August 12, 1918 to Otto and Anna (Jacobsen) Peters in Walnut. He was baptized on September 28, 1919 in the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Avoca. He was confirmed into the same church in 1933. He attended school in Avoca until he entered the ninth grade in 1933 when he dropped out to go to work. Vernus worked at various jobs in the Avoca area including farming, auto mechanics, and working on the railroad for a short time. He enlisted in the United States Army in April of 1941 to complete his obligatory one year of service. With the attack on Pearl Harbor, he was inducted for the duration of the war. He served in North Africa and Italy with the 34th Infantry Division and was honorably discharged in July of 1945.



Vernus was united in marriage to Marjorie Parker in August of 1947 and they had one daughter, Kathy. Marjorie passed away in 1952. He married Ethel Barrett on October 22, 1954 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. Ethel had three children: Robert, Nancy and Ricklef. Together, the couple had three more children: Susan, Kent and Ned. Vernus worked for Iowa Power and Light Company until his retirement in 1981. He enjoyed woodworking in his basement shop and he especially loved having family around and spending time with his children and grandchildren. Vernus and Ethel moved to the Avoca Lodge in 2009. In 2011, Ethel moved to the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center where she passed away on April 27, 2012. Vernus remained at the Lodge until recently moving to the Myrtue Medical Center Hospice in Harlan and this is where he died on Thursday, October 17, 2013 having attained the age of 95 years, 2 months and 5 days.

Along with his parents, Vernus was preceded in death by his wives, Marjorie and Ethel; brothers Allen, Ronald, Arnold and Lyle Peters; and sister LeEtta Nielsen. He is survived by his children: Robert Barrett and his wife Sandra of Lewisville, NC, Nancy and her husband Jim Robertson of Nampa, ID, Ricklef Barrett and his wife Bronwyn of South Bend, IN, Kathy (Peters) Armendariz of Omaha, NE, Susan and her husband Jeff Tabler of Medford, OR, Kent Peters and his wife Lynn of Oak Ridge, TN and Ned Peters and his wife Kelly of Harlan; ten grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brothers Clyde Peters of Avoca and Jack Peters and his wife Colleen of Council Bluffs; sister-in-law Joan Peters of Webster City; nieces and nephews; many other relatives and friends.

Pastor Eric Meissner officiated the 2:00 p.m. funeral service with Wayne Paulsen officiating on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. Shirley Pattee provided the music.

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Military rites were conducted by the Fred Funston American Legion Post No. 227 at Graceland Cemetery in Avoca. Vernus' grandchildren served as casket bearers: Aaron Barrett, Shane Armendariz, Nicole Brandes, Carrie Peters, Adam Peters, Nicholas Peters, Nathan Barrett, Heather Barrett, Tiffany Barrett and Sidney Barrett.

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