

## Charles Petersen, 75

Nov. 12, 1923 - March 21, 1999

**AVOCA** - Charles Bernard Peterson was born Nov. 12, 1923, in Elgin, NE, son of Ernest and Nellie Butler Peterson. His family moved to Lenox, in 1938. He graduated with the Class of 1941 from Lenox High School. After graduation, he attended Simpson College and then entered the service in 1943, serving with the Armed Forces in Okinawa during World War II. In 1946 he was discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

He married his high school sweetheart Julia Porter Dec. 24, 1946 in Lenox. They were the parents of four children, Mark, Jeffry, Paula and Kurt. He graduated from the University of Iowa in 1950 with a degree in Pharmacy. They moved to Avoca Aug. 1, 1956, where he was in the retail drug business. He was a member of the United Church of Avoca and Mt. Nebo Lodge #297. He died at his residence in Avoca, March 21, 1999, at age 75 years, four months and nine days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Julia; their children, Mark of Avoca; Jeff (Lanette) of Avoca; Paula (Mike) Hadfield of Harlan; and Kurt of Avoca; 12 grandchildren; his sister, Audrey (Delbert) Shafer of Lafayette, CO; his sister-in-law, Agnes Porter of Denver, CO; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 25, 1999, at the United Church of Avoca with Rev. Will Bynagte officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery, Avoca. Graveside services were conducted by Mt. Nebo Lodge #297. Casket bearers were Joel Peterson, Josh Peterson, Bennett Boltinghouse, Jessie Peterson, Ashley Peterson and Mike Hadfield. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.