

## Norman Petersen, 88

*Aug. 29, 1914 - Jan. 7, 2003*

IRWIN – Norman Asmus Petersen was born Aug. 29, 1914, on the family farm southeast of Irwin, son of Hans and Anna (Frees) Petersen. He was baptized into the Lutheran faith. He attended school at Polk No. 2 near Irwin, later assisting his father on the family farm. He then worked as a hired man for Victor Clemons. April 24, 1941, he was drafted into the United States Army receiving his basic training at Camp Clairborne, LA. He was stationed in the National Guard. Following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, he was sent to Texas City later serving overseas in the European Theater where he drove a truck and delivered messages with the 135th Infantry. After serving four and a half years in the Army, he was honorably discharged and arrived home Aug. 1, 1945.

March 12, 1946, he married Lila Ranniger at the Lutheran Parsonage in Manning, by the Rev. J.M. Ansonage. Four children were born to this union. Following his wedding, he farmed, later purchasing the farm where he was born. He retired from farming in 1980, and moved with Lila to Irwin. He was a member of American Legion Austin Earl Hiatt Post No. 614 of Irwin. He died Jan. 7, 2003, at Manilla Manor at age 88 years, four months and nine days.

In addition to his parents, Norman was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Sara L. Brandenburg, July 24, 1975. He is survived by his wife, Lila Petersen of Irwin; stepmother, Schrida Elder of Council Bluffs; children, Connie (Randy) Davis of Harlan; Donna (Lorren) Hollister of Council Bluffs; Richard Petersen (Pam) of Aurelia; Nancy (Gerald) Wright of Jefferson; nine grandchildren; two great grandchildren; sisters and brother, Elsie Myers of Harlan; Alice (Robert) Steckelberg of Harlan; Orville Petersen of Bend, OR; Ann (John) Caffery of Council Bluffs; Charlotte (David) Aten of Council Bluffs; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 10, 2003, at Pauley Funeral Home with Roy North officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin, with Don Ferry, Eugene Monson, Mike Fara, Gene Frees, Cyrus Monson and LeRoy Heese casket bearers.

