

Arthur "Pete" Peterson, 63

Oct. 20, 1938 – April 6, 2002 ✓

KIMBALLTON – Arthur Oliver, son of Gilbert and Alvina (Lau) Peterson, was born Oct. 20, 1938, in Worth County. The family lived on a farm in Minnesota and Art was the 15th of 16 children. He was baptized as an infant in Worth County and later confirmed at Deer Creek Lutheran Church. He attended school at Northwood, and then enlisted in the United States Army where he completed a technical course. During his military service he was stationed in Germany.

July 26, 1958, he married Shirley Forde, his childhood sweetheart, at First Shell Rock Lutheran Church in Northwood. Three children were born to this union. The family lived in Northwood and Des Moines, before moving to Colorado in 1960. In 1974, they moved back to Iowa, first to Elk Horn, and in 1998 to Kimballton. He worked as a meatpacker and mechanic before starting to work for American Snowblast in Colorado where he traveled throughout the United States and in Turkey. He worked for AGP in Manning, from which he retired. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the National Rifle Association. After a long hospital stay, he died at his home in Kimballton, April 6, 2002, at age 63 years, five months and 17 days.

Preceding him in death are his parents; brother, Harlan Peterson in January 2002; father and mother-in-law, Selmer J. and Rose Forde; brothers-in-law, Ronald Johnson, Kenton Nelson, Ed Gregutis, John Dempewolf, Kenneth Nelson and Jerry Forde and sister-in-law, Julia Peterson. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Peterson of Kimballton; three children, Sherry (Butch) Eisma of Ireton; Steve (Kay) Peterson of Cresco and Susan Danner of Elk Horn; nine grandchildren, Cori (Jenny) Peterson of Calmar; Jason (Susan) Peterson of Lansing; Nicholas, Jessica and Adam Peterson of Cresco; Tara and Tyler Eisma of Ireton; Ann Danner of Carroll and Ashley Danner of Elk Horn; and two great grandsons, Trevor Peterson of Calmar and Dylon Peterson of Lansing. Also surviving are seven sisters, Belean Johnson of Navarre, FL; Loretta Nelson of Forest City; Phyllis Cordora of Calumet City, IL; Marjorie Gregutis of Munster, IN; Dorothy Dempewolf of Northglenn, CO; Genevieve (John) Kirsch of Albert Lea, MN and Rena (Jim) Christensen of Farmington, MN; and seven brothers, Maynard (Maxine) Peterson of Albin, IN; Arnold Peterson of Glenville, MN; Lemoine (Pat) Peterson of Hastings, MN; Norman (Connie) Peterson of Albert Lea, MN; Palmer (Crystal) Peterson of Twin Lakes, MN; Gaylord (Darlene) Peterson of Albert Lea, MN and Gorden (Linda) Peterson of Glenville, MN; nieces and nephews and other relatives including Shirley's family, Doris (Aldy) Asbjornson of Kensett; Beverly Nelson of Northwood; Stanley (Cynthia) Forde of Hempstead, TX; Ron (Liz) Forde of Louisiana and Norma (Bill) Sparks of LeMars.

Funeral services were held April 9, 2002, at the Ohde Funeral Home in Kimballton, with Pastor Michael Williams of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Cori Peterson, Nicholas Peterson, Tyler Eisma, Jason Peterson, Adam Peterson and Kelly Gessert.