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Richard "Whitey" Peterson, 72

April 8, 1931 - Sept. 27, 2003

HARLAN – Richard "Whitey" O. Peterson, the son of John M. and Ethel M. McNear Peterson, was born April 8, 1931, in Kirkman. He attended school in Kirkman and in 1950 enlisted in the United States Army where he served three years in Korea.

June 26, 1954, Whitey married Doris E. Voge at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. Doris and Whitey made Harlan their home for the past 49 years. Whitey was well known for his mechanical talents and was employed at Western Engineering for many years retiring in July of 1995. Whitey died Sept. 27, 2003, at age 72 years.

He was preceded in death by his father, John; sister, Margie; brothers, Eddie and Lester. He is survived by his wife, Doris; his children, David Peterson (Cindy) of Carroll; Brian Peterson (Ann) of Bellevue, NE; Karen (Lyle) Jeltema of Orange City; three grandchildren, Joshua, Bethany and Jason Peterson; his mother Ethel Goans of Kirkman; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 1, 2003, at Abundant Life Church with Rev. Jeff Erlemeier and Rev. David Peterson officiating. Casket bearers were Lyle Jeltema, Adrian Soghigian, Brian Peterson, Avedis Soghigian, Joshua Peterson and David Peterson. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

