

## William A. Peterson, 93

Feb. 28, 1905 - July 14, 1998 ✓

**MINDEN** - William A. Peterson was born on a farm in Harrison County, Feb. 28, 1905, son of Henry and Hannah Cheney Peterson. He was one of 12 children in the family. He attended country school through the eighth grade when he began working in the home of his brother-in-law and also worked as a carpenter. He served in the Army during World War II. After the war, he returned to the farm.

He married Pearl Gregersen March 12, 1949. They were the parents of three children, Lee, Gene and Faye. They lived for a short time on the Thies farm east of Minden. They were hired to care for Ned Thies, whose parents had both passed away. He also farmed the Thies farm until Ned went into the service and sold the farm. They then moved to the Gregersen farm north of Minden to make their home. They continued to live on their home place until 11 months ago when they entered the Indian Hills Nursing Home in Co. Bluffs. He was a member of the United Church of Christ in Minden and the Minden American Legion Post #437. He died at the Indian Hills Nursing Home July 14, 1998, at age 93 years, four months and 14 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Charles, Ted, John and Henry Jr.; four sisters, Mary, Elizabeth, Hester Hadfield and Martha Stuhr. He is survived by his wife, Pearl of Co. Bluffs; one daughter, Faye (Russell) Slate of Co. Bluffs; Lee Peterson (Beverly) of Co. Bluffs; and Gene Peterson of San Antonio, TX; 10 grandchildren; one great grandson; two brothers, George Peterson (Evelyn) of Underwood and Robert Peterson of Neola; and one sister, Anna Hadfield, also of Neola; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 17, 1998, at the Minden United Church of Christ, Minden, with Rev. Vic Engelmann officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery with military graveside services by the Minden American Legion Post #437. Casket bearers were David Dittmer, Maynard Leaders, Jarred Peterson, Ronald Nihsen, Calvin Manhart and Russell Slate. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.