



Leo Peterson

May 24, 1940 - September 29, 2013

The memorial service for Leo Peterson of Verndale will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 5, 2013, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bertha. Friends may call at the church on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. At the age of 73, Leo passed away on September 29, 2013, at the VA Hospital in Fargo, ND.

Leo Cecil Peterson was born to Harvey Charles and Ruth Melvina (Chilberg) Peterson on May 24, 1940, in Staples Township, Todd County, MN. He served in the United States Air Force from 1958 until his honorable discharge in 1962, and later served in the MN National Guard. Leo married Jeannie Tharon Higgins on April 6, 1963, in Lawrence, KS. They then moved to the Twin Cities, There he became a home builder and owner of Peterson's Custom Homes, Inc. until 1980. At that time he moved his family to the farm, fulfilling his dream. There he enjoyed life on the farm for 33 years.

Leo enjoyed collecting coins, guns, antiques, Civil War artifacts, books and agates. He found pleasure using his artistic side: drawing pictures, designing blueprints for the homes he built, building or refinishing furniture, and polishing rocks. He was a seeker of knowledge through reading, watching history programs, and keeping up with current events - from politics to weather in Hawaii! Leo savored being outdoors when deer hunting and especially on walks in the woods in the fall while viewing the changing leaves. Good times

were had when he visited and shared humorous stories with his weekly Hewitt coffee group! He anticipated football season and watching the Vikings on TV. Leo was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and the National Rifle Association. When in high school he participated in Future Farmers of America.

Leo was preceded in death by his parents Harvey Peterson and Ruth Peterson Crabb; an infant son on April 10, 1970; brother Melvin LeRoy Peterson and sister Harriet Viola Peterson.

He is survived by his wife Jeannie of Verndale; children Angela (Keith) Stephanie Peterson of Kokomo, IN, Tonya (Timothy) Lee Rude of Kailua-Kona, HI, and Peter (Oksana) John Peterson of Howard Lake; 11 grandchildren; siblings Dale (Connie) of Anoka, Mavis (Paul) Eiswald of Wadena, Sharon (Larry) Imdieke of Ottertail, Dennis (Karen) of Wyoming, MN, Terry (Sandy) of Verndale, and Steven (Nancy) of Wadena.

Burial will be in the Minnesota Veterans Cemetery near Little Falls, MN.

Cemetery Details

MN State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Hwy 15
Little Falls, MN 56345

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Bertha
203 1st Ave. SE
MN 56437

Service

OCT 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Leo Peterson*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - September 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *Mavis Eiswald lit a candle in memory of Leo Peterson*



Mavis Eiswald - October 03, 2013 at 09:30 PM

ME

Leo was my little brother, just 2 yrs younger than me. I have many special memories of our childhood together and will miss him so very much - Love & prayers go to his dear family . . . Mavis (& Paul)

Mavis Eiswald - October 03, 2013 at 09:34 PM

WW

“ *Sorry to hear of Leo's passing. We had good memories back in FFA in high school. God's blessing to the family.*

Wayne & Elaine Westergren

Wayne Westergren - October 03, 2013 at 06:55 PM

CC

“ Cheryl Crabb lit a candle in memory of Leo Peterson



Cheryl Crabb - October 03, 2013 at 11:48 AM

RS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Leo was one of our Dad's coffee drinking buddies and a pallbearer at his funeral. Our sympathies to the Peterson family, Carla (Hallstrom) Wirth, ReNaye (Hallstrom) Seaton, Mike and Tim Hallstrom



renaye seaton - October 03, 2013 at 09:14 AM

KB

“ Katie (Peterson) Bernt lit a candle in memory of Leo Peterson



Katie (Peterson) Bernt - October 02, 2013 at 07:35 PM

SI

“ He was my big brother.....He was loved and will be missed.



Sharon Imdieke - October 02, 2013 at 07:22 PM



“ *Dennis Peterson lit a candle in memory of Leo Peterson* ”



Dennis Peterson - October 01, 2013 at 11:19 PM



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Karen Peterson - October 01, 2013 at 08:35 PM



“ *Bill And Gloria Nokes lit a candle in memory of Leo Peterson* ”



Bill and Gloria Nokes - October 01, 2013 at 12:21 PM



“ *Bonnie Thoele lit a candle in memory of Leo Peterson* ”



Bonnie Thoele - October 01, 2013 at 12:08 PM

NP

“ Nancy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Leo Peterson



Nancy Peterson - October 01, 2013 at 09:30 AM

CP

“ Corey & Belinda Peterson lit a candle in memory of Leo Peterson



Corey & Belinda Peterson - October 01, 2013 at 07:10 AM

DP

“ Leo (& Jeannie) were instrumental in helping us get a successful start as newlyweds. Leo helped Dennis get a job as a carpenter, find our first home, helped us settle into our new home, showed us around the twin cities, gave good advice, loaned us money if needed, etc. (the list goes on & on). Leo will be sadly missed. He was both a great brother & friend. Our love & prayers go out to his family. Dennis & Karen

Dennis & Karen Peterson - October 01, 2013 at 05:40 AM

DP

“ Dennis & Karen Peterson lit a candle in memory of Leo Peterson



Dennis & Karen Peterson - September 30, 2013 at 07:41 PM

LE

“ *Leona lit a candle in memory of Leo Peterson*



Leona - September 30, 2013 at 01:15 PM

LE

“ *Our Sympathy goes out to all the family. Neal and Leona Bowman*

Leona - September 30, 2013 at 01:15 PM

MF

“ *Our Sympathy to the Peterson Family~~~*



Mike and Marie Fraune - September 30, 2013 at 11:07 AM