

His Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of him as gone away-
his journey's just begun
life holds so many facets-
this earth is only one.
Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.
Think how he must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.
And think of him as living
in the hearts of those he touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost-
and he was loved so much.



Robert Duane Peterson

Date & Place of Birth

February 9, 1928 ~ Rural Zahl, North Dakota

Date & Place of Death

July 22, 2016 ~ Williston, North Dakota

Funeral Services

2:00 pm, Monday, July 25, 2016
Faith United Methodist Church
Williston, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Ross Reinhiller

Music

Trio ~ Robyn Soiseth, Darcia Larsen & Greg Peterson
Accompanist ~ Pat Lund

Pallbearers

Luke Soiseth, Gregory Peterson II, Kevin Guenther,
Blaine Oyne, Richard Pederson, Paul Pederson,
Brad Peterson, Jim Bratlien, Loyal Larson, Kirby Urbatsch

Honorary Pallbearers

All of Robert's grandchildren, family and friends

Final Resting Place

Bethel Cemetery ~ Zahl, North Dakota

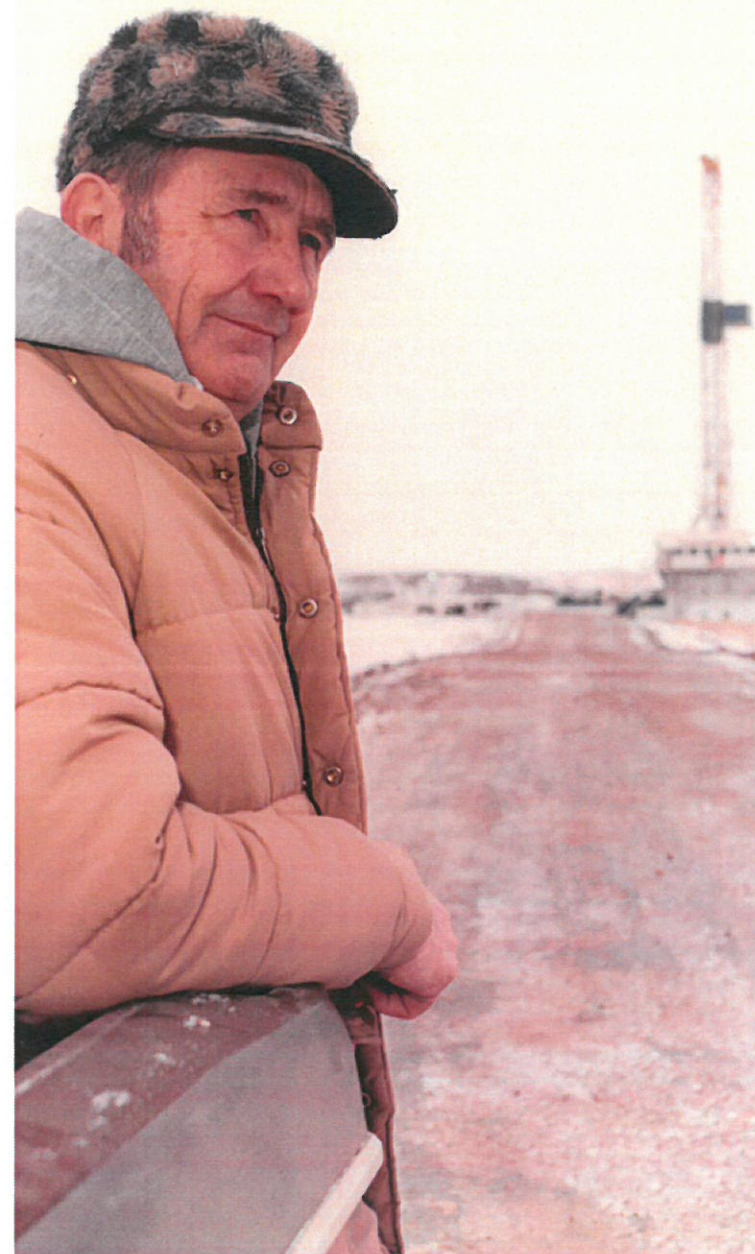


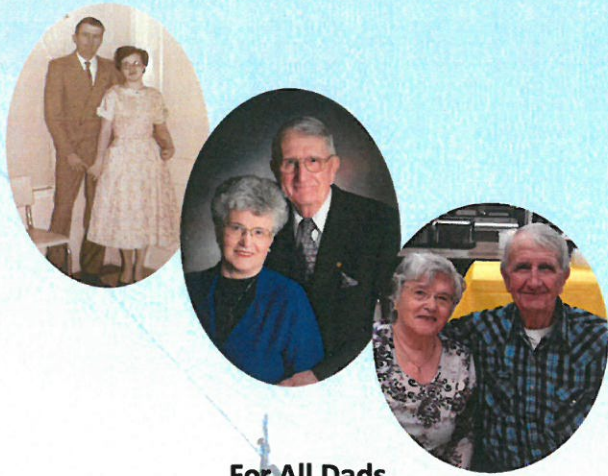
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home - Williston
has been entrusted with arrangements and services

In Loving Memory Of

Robert Duane Peterson

February 9, 1928 - July 22, 2016





For All Dads

**The dearest dad in all the world inspired me constantly;
Regardless of mistakes I made he still saw good in me.**

**And now God keeps him for his
own like an ever-shining star:**

**A pattern that He cut for us to make us what we are.
He gave and gave to all in need, never with outward show;
He always kept it to himself,
but God will always know.**

**His democratic friendliness and wit were always there
to guide us patiently,
when things went wrong he smoothed each care.**

**His living code kept him alert,
great health prolonged his stay;
He grieved not over milk that spilled
but strived on,
come what may.**



Robert was born February 9, 1928, on the family homestead, “the Sand”, to Henry and Mabel Magnus Peterson. He was raised in the Zahl area, attended local country schools, and graduated in 1946 from Zahl, North Dakota High School. In his younger years, Robert worked various jobs custom combining, farming labor work, and truck driving. Robert was a veteran of the Korean Conflict; he was inducted into the Army on Friday, October 13, 1950, and was honorably discharged August 22, 1952.

Robert was united in marriage to Dorothy Oyen on December 8, 1956. To this union five children were born: Gregory (Gaylene) Peterson, Tioga, ND; Greta Lehnerz, Casper, WY; Robyn (Kirk) Soiseth, Williston, ND; Ronda Peterson, Williston, ND; and Lisa (Les) Urbatsch, Fargo, ND.; he was guardian to two nieces and a nephew: Kari (Butch) Hite, Tucson, AZ; Blaine (Cathy) Oyen, Beulah, ND; and Andrea (Tim) Batt, Harvest, AL. Other survivors include his 12 grandchildren: Niki Lehnerz (Dre), Courtney Reddish (Bart), Rebecka Peterson McDowell (Don), Robert Urbatsch, Gregory Peterson II (Sonja), Luke (Gwen) Soiseth, Adam Urbatsch, Alyssa Reddish (Jason), Heather Kihle (Tyler), Kirby Urbatsch, Vanessa Clemmensen, and Frank Lehnerz III; and 14 great-grandchildren. Robert is also survived by his sister, Helen Pederson, brothers-in-laws and sisters-in-laws Gerry (Karen) Oyen, Kenny (JoAnn) Oyen, Ethel Oyen, Norma Oyen, Lou Oyen, Donald Guenther; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews.

Robert was a farmer most of his life, he loved and enjoyed this profession. But, what Robert loved most, was his wife, his children and grandchildren. He also loved his many extended family and friends; he never knew a stranger.

Robert served on the Grenora Methodist Pastor-Parish Relations board for many years, and then the Faith United Methodist Pastor-Parish Relations board. Robert was a member, and a past president, of the Grenora Rural Fire Department; was a member, and had served as Post Commander of the Grenora Alvin T. Larson American Legion; was in the Honor Guard for several decades, and was proud to honor his fallen brothers and sisters; was a member of the Edgar E. Boyd VFW Post of Zahl, ND; served on the Orthell Township Board; and was a very active member of the Fort Buford Odd Fellows Lodge. Robert was an avid pinochle and whist player, and enjoyed playing many hours with his friends. As soon as the first hand was played, he knew exactly what every player had in their hand.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, brother and sister-in-law, Eugene and Elaine Peterson; his parents-in-laws, Clarence and Grace Jacobson; his brother-in-law Paul Pederson, and nephew, Daniel Pederson; and his Oyen brothers and sisters-in-laws: Beatrice (Harvey) Selby, Bud (Marilyn) Oyen, Marian Guenther, Herbert Oyen, Frank Oyen and Gale Oyen.

