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Bruce William Petersen, 63

July 5, 1931 - Aug. 7, 1994

Walnut - Bruce William Petersen was born south of Walnut July 5, 1931. He was the son of Lloyd Nick and Lucile McLuen Petersen and was one of four children in the family. He graduated from the Walnut High School in 1949. He entered the United States Army in January of 1952 and served his Country in the Korean War until Jan. of 1954.

March 21, 1954, he married Willa Croft in Walnut. They were the parents of three sons; Jeff, Brett and Mark. He farmed and lived south of Walnut most of his life. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Walnut. He was active in the V.F.W., AmVets and the American Legion, all of Walnut. He died at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs August 7, 1994 at age 63 years, 1 month and 2 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Willa of Walnut, his children; Jeff Petersen (Roxann) of Walnut, Brett Petersen (Lisa) of Walnut, and Mark Petersen and Susie Sievers of Avoca, 10 grandchildren, a sister, Janice Ellison of Bellevue, WA, two brothers; Lloyd Petersen (Gladys) and Mac Petersen (Debra) all of Walnut, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 11, 1994 at the First Presbyterian Church, Walnut with Rev. Gerald Oliver officiating. Burial was in the Walnut cemetery with military graveside services. Honorary casket bearers were: Scott Petersen, Robert Fresener, Dean Ausdemore, Doug Shepherd, Irwin Arndt, Jack Glessmann, Sherman Snyder and Bill Donahoe, Jr. Casket bearers were: Vernon Murray, Freddie Matthies, Darrell Bauerkemper, Kevin Kohlscheen, Dan Riessen and James L. Petersen. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.