

## Dane Petersen, 73

Oct. 4, 1920 - Nov. 5, 1993

**Harlan-** Eugene "Dane" Matthew Peterson, son of Andrew and Anna C. (Fuhs) Peterson, was born on a farm near Portsmouth in Shelby County, Oct. 4, 1920. He died Nov. 5, 1993 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. He attended St. Mary's School graduating in 1938. He coached the high school girls basketball team in 1939-40. He moved to Harlan and worked for Frank Caporal and during the harvest season, worked in MN. He was a baseball pitcher for the Harlan Town team and for the Minor League in the Cubs organization, playing in WI and KS. He enlisted in the Navy in Aug. 1942 and served in the Armed Guard, mostly at sea with his naval base at Baton Rouge, LA. The Navy placed him in the N.R.O.T.C. Program at Tulane University in New Orleans, LA. He also played baseball for Tulane.

In 1945, he married Bonnie Herkenrath of Portsmouth at St. Mary's Catholic Church June 23. They lived in New Orleans until the end of the war. They then lived in Harlan and he attended Iowa State at Ames and played baseball there. In Harlan, he worked for Neil Knapp Plumbing and Goodmanson-Thompson Skelgas. In 1949 he moved to Sioux Rapids, working for Skelly Oil and then became a Service Supervisor for Skelly in St. Louis, MO. He returned to Harlan in 1960 and went into business for himself, operating Peterson Gas Company. He later built the 59'er Restaurant and Lounge in 1979 and the 59'er Motel in 1992.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Pauline Maiwald and a brother, Urban. Survivors include his wife, Bonnie; his children, Janelle (Stephen) Gillespie of Omaha, NE, Vance Peterson of Milton, Laurel (Doug) DeWees of Lansing, MI, Jay (Lana) Peterson of Harlan and Aimee (Mike) Henscheid of Oshkosh, WI; six grandchildren; a sister, Helen Anderson of Omaha, NE; and 1 brother, Bernard (Joan) Peterson of Ormond Beach, FL.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Nov. 8 at St. Michael's Catholic church with Msgr. Edward Kelly celebrant. Military rites were conducted at the Harlan cemetery by the Shelby County V.F.W. Post 941. Casket bearers were his nephews, Marion Maiwald, Mick Maiwald, Marv Maiwald, Gary Anderson, Phil Herkenrath, Jr., and a grandson, Aaron DeWees. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.