



Michael E. Petersen, 50

July 24, 1945-September 10, 1995

Akron, OH - Michael E. Petersen was born July 24, 1945 at Harlan, the son of Harald and Valora Sutherland Petersen and was one of three sons in the family. He graduated from AyoHa High School in 1963 and from the Radio Engineering Institute in 1965.

He married Lois Staub Oct. 10, 1965 and they were blessed with a daughter, Heather, June 15, 1974. He began a 24 year career with

Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. in 1965, attaining the position of general manager of the North Central Region. In 1989, he became vice president of Retail Operations with General Tire Corp. in Akron, OH. In 1995, he became president of Michel Tire Co. in Cincinnati, OH. He was active in many organizations over the years and most active in all their church homes, serving as president of the council at Faith Lutheran Church in Akron in his most recent calling. He died in Akron Sept. 10, 1995 following a short illness with cancer, at age 50 years, 1 month and 16 days.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harald and his mother-in-law, Eleanor Staub. He is survived by his wife, Lois and his daughter, Heather of Akron, his mother, Valora Petersen of Avoca, two brothers; Greg Petersen (Margery) of Avoca and Stan Petersen (Shirley) of Omaha, NE, his father-in-law, Eugene Staub of Avoca, sisters-in-law Linda Weaver of Iowa City, Sherri (Brian) Ballinger of Anguilla, MS and Diane (Kenn) Hendersen of Edwards Air Force Base, CA, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 15, 1995 at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca with Pastor Jim Wilson and Pastor David Boumgarden officiating. Burial was in the Graceland cemetery. Casket bearers were Torr Gracey, Wayne Nelsen, Jirr Schueman, Harry Priest, Wayne Jacobsen and Bob Jorgensen. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.