

## Albert Dale Petersen, 76

June 14, 1921 - June 13, 1998

**ATLANTIC** - Albert Dale Petersen, son of Albert P. and Ida Meyer Petersen, was born in Audubon County, June 14, 1921. He attended country school and one year of high school at Exira. At 16 years of age, he took over his father's cream route and helped on the farm. He was drafted into the Army in June of 1942, served in WW II and was in the European Theatre. He received an honorable discharge in October of 1945. Dale returned to Exira after his discharge, farmed with his brother-in-law, Stewart Hays, and also learned electrical wiring while working with Merion Hays.

He married Dorthea Davis Dec. 6, 1947, at Vermillion, SD. They were the parents of three children, Debra, Patricia and Brian. Dale was a 50-year member of the Walnut Amvets Post 45, and the Walnut American Legion and a member of the Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut. He farmed in the Walnut area for 35 years retiring in February of 1985, and moved to Atlantic. He entered Colonial Manor in Anita Sept. 29, 1997. He died June 13, 1998, at age 76.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Robert; and his brother-in-law, Merion Hays. He is survived by his wife, Dorthea; daughter, Debra (Kenneth) Welk of Omaha; daughter, Patricia Andersen of Duncan, OK, and son, Brian (Deborah) of Co. Bluffs; grandchildren, Alexander and Gregory Welk and Christian and Elyse Andersen; sisters, Maxine Hays and Florabelle (Stewart) Hays of Atlantic; Ruth (Vernon) Murray of Walnut; Charlotte (Edwin) Swank of Harlan; brother, LeRoy (Marilyn) Petersen of Winchester, KY; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 16, 1998, at the Peace United Church of Christ, Walnut, with Rev. Doris Ruben officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Walnut Amvets Post 45 and the American Legion. Casket bearers were Douglas Hays, Steven Hays, David Hays, Dennis Hays, Donald Petersen, James Petersen, Tim Swank and Daniel Nielsen. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.