

Ronald Pethoud, 74

June 29, 1940 - Feb. 19, 2015

HARLAN — Ronald William Pethoud was born on June 29, 1940 to Doris Mae Pethoud in Milford, NE. He grew up in the Methodist Church in Beatrice, was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, and was baptized at Christ's Church in Harlan. After graduating from the Beatrice Schools, he attended Nebraska University and Peru State College in Peru, NE, obtaining his degree in education.

May 22, 1965, Ron was united in marriage to Linda Wasserman at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Beatrice. They be-



came parents to three children: Ronna, Ronald, and Dori. Ron worked as a park ranger and photographer, but loved his teaching career most of all. He retired from the Harlan Community School System in 1998. He was a great story and joke teller. Most were funny, but all of them were memorable. He was an active member of the Masonic Parian Lodge No. 321, A. F. and A. M., Shriners, Lebanon Chapter No. 8 Order of the Eastern Star, and the Theatre Guild. Ron passed surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan. He had attained the age of seventy-four years, seven months, and twenty-one days.

Ron was preceded in death by his mother; honorary daughter Tariana Chevez of Honduras; brothers Willard, Lloyd, Marvin, and Larry Pethoud; and sisters Lola Boughtin, Frances (Elinor) Walsh, and Virginia Heinrich. He is survived by his wife of forty-nine years Linda Pethoud of Harlan; children: Ronna Pethoud-Brown and her husband Stephen Brown of Happy Valley, OR, Ronald Pethoud II and his wife Shannon of Harlan, and Dori and her husband Stephen Gessert of Harlan; honorary daughter Catherine Taylor of New South Wales, Australia; seven grandchildren: Claras (Ryan), Darby, Catherine, Ronald III, Jayden, Jenna, and Rece; two great-grandchildren: Oakley and Aurora; brother Huebert Pethoud and his wife Helen of Blue Grass; sisters-in-law Catherine Pethoud of Indiana, Virginia Pethoud of Falls City, NE, and Arlene Pelligrini of Washington; other family members and many friends.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on February 23, 2015 with Pastor Phillip Nielsen and Rev. Al Hazelton as Clergies at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. Fritz Tiarks, Dennis Buckley, Terry Holdren, Fred Chapp, Denny Heflin and Mark Knoll served as honorary casket bearers. Stephen Brown, Stephen Gessert, Ryan Frahm, Nathan Christensen, Dan Miner and Brian Sorenson served as casket bearers. Burial was held at the Harlan Cemetery in Harlan following the service.

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