THE LIFE STORY OF -

Leo Petersen, 66

Leo Petersen, son of Senus and Sine Petersen Petersen, was born April 11, 1915 on a farm in Jacksonville, Ia: He was baptized and confirmed at the Jacksonville Lutheran church and attended the Jacksonville school. After graduating from the eighth grade, he grew to adulthood helping on the family farm. He then moved to Omaha, where he was employed by an electronics shop for a few years.

On Nov. 7, 1946, he married Margaret Elizabeth Miller in Omaha. Not long after their marriage, they moved to Co. Bluffs, where he was employed as a sales clerk for Sears. This was their home for many years. After he retired in 1977, they moved to Nevis, Minn. and later that year he became a resident of the Sunset Nursing Home in Park Rapids, Minn.

He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran church in Jacksonville. He died at the Sunset Nursing Home on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 1981, at the age of 66 years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant sister, Elma and one brother, Gerhart. He is survived by his wife, Margaret of Park Rapids; two sisters, Elma (Mrs Dallas) Dent and Inez (Mrs Hans) Hansen, both of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Sunset Nursing Home in Park Rapids on Saturday, Oct. 10, 1981 with the Rev. Daniel Holm officiating. Funeral services were also held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Monday, Oct. 12, 1981, with Pastor Oliver Solberg of the Bethlehem Lutheran church officiating.

Burial was in the Jacksonville cemetery with Brian Tolle, Darrell Dent, Lynn Hanson, Lyle Petersen, Ron Ronfeldt and Manuel Herrera serving as casketbearers and Edward Tolle serving as honorary casketbearers.