

## Delmar "Curly" Petersen, 85

May 29, 1926 - Dec. 15, 2011

**AVOCA** — Delmer Lynn "Curly"

Petersen, son of August Friedrick and Marie Magdalena (Jebsen) Petersen, was born on May 29, 1926, southwest of Avoca. He attended Pleasant #8 country school and graduated from Shelby High School in 1943. Following his service in the United States Army during World War II, Curly returned to Avoca and farmed with his father.

March 12, 1955, Curly married Myrna Lou Jacobsen at the Lutheran Church in Avoca. The couple farmed until their retirement in 1991; after retirement, they remained on the homestead. Curly was a member of the Silver Creek United Methodist Church in rural Hancock. In his youth, he enjoyed playing baseball. He loved farming, feeding cattle, and doing welding work for himself and many others. Curly also liked doing carpentry work, and took pride in building his own home and furniture. Delmer "Curly" Petersen died on Thursday, December 15, 2011, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, having reached the age of 85 years, 6 months, and 16 days.

Curly was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Raymond Petersen (in childhood) and Marland "Newt" Petersen; and two sisters, Mildred Luth and Aletha Halm. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Myrna Petersen of Avoca; two daughters, LuAnn (Tim) Barrett of Shelby, and Laurel (Tom) Wempe of Fort Pierre, SD; #3, Deb Welbourne of Minden; one brother, Warren Petersen of Des Moines; one sister, Betty Bladt of Avoca; seven grandchildren, Emily Roberts, Evan Wempe, Brion Barrett, Brianna Roberts, Anna Wempe, Dylan Barrett, and Colin Wempe; and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Monday, December 19, 2011, at Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in Harlan, with Mr. Wayne Paulsen officiating. JoAnne Dea served as the organist, and the soloist was Bonnie Peters. Casket bearers were LeRoy Hansen, Rich Hansen, Rob Hansen, Frank Roane, Steve Welbourne, Russ Brandes, and Jan Flemming. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery. Condolences may be left online at [www.burmeisterjohannsen.com](http://www.burmeisterjohannsen.com).



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