

## Marland Petersen, 82

*July 5, 1921 - Jan. 10, 2004*

**AVOCA** – Marland LeRoy "Newt" Petersen was born July 5, 1921, at his home in rural Avoca, the son of August and Marie Jepsen Petersen. He was one of seven children, Raymond, who died in infancy, Mildred, Aletha, Betty, Warren and Delmer. Newt attended school through the eighth grade, and then went to work on the family farm. From December, 1942 through January, 1946, he served in the Army. He was in the Quartermaster Corp. in the Asiatic-Pacific region, with an engagement in New Guinea. After serving his country, Marland returned to the Avoca area to farm the home place on county road M16. He also raised up to 200 cattle at a time. He was a lifelong member of the American Legion and a member of the B.P.O.E. He entered Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan in April, 1997, where he died Jan. 10, 2004, at age 82.

Marland is preceded in death by his parents; his two sisters, Mildred Luth and Aletha Halm; and his brother, Raymond. He is survived by his brothers, Warren Petersen of Des Moines; Delmer Petersen (Myrna) of Avoca; and sister, Betty (Elwin) Bladt of Avoca; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Graveside were held Jan. 10, 2004, at the Graceland Cemetery in Avoca, with Wayne Paulsen, Lay Assistant, officiating. Casket bearers were LeRoy Hansen, Rick Hansen, Randy Lamp, Robert Prokupek, Matt Prokupek and Charlie Ronnfeldt. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.