



Joseph Peterson

April 4, 1926 - August 31, 2020

Joe's Memorial Service can be viewed here: <https://vimeo.com/455821544>

Joseph A. "Joe" Peterson was born April 4, 1926 in Guelph, ND to Rev. Andrew P. and Anna Rose Peterson. They were serving Methodist congregations in Guelph and Ellendale, ND. Joe received his education in Sidney, MT, Minneapolis, Dawson and Clarkfield, MN.

Joe served in the U.S. Army from 1944 until 1946. He was with the 13th Armored Division in Germany when the war ended there. He finished his service with the 2nd Armored Division at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Joe and Jeannette Elizabeth Koch of Gatesville, Texas, were married in Waco, Texas on September 28, 1946. Jeannette was completing her education as a registered nurse in Waco.

After farming for four years near Montevideo, MN, Joe began his employment with Northern States Power Company in Montevideo, as a draftsman in the engineering department. He continued his education in Electrical Engineering through correspondence courses with the University of Minnesota, and International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Penn. After 12 years in the Engineering Dept., Joe transferred to the Utility Sales Dept.

In September of 1965, Joe accepted a transfer to Fargo, ND as an Industrial Sales Representative with NSP. He later was promoted to Sales Manager, Consumer Services Manager and finally to Distribution/Engineering Manager, with responsibilities for Electrical and Gas Engineering and Marketing, a position he held until his retirement on January 29, 1988. Joe appreciated being able to work for NSP Co. for 37 years.

Joe was active in church, community and business organizations in both Montevideo and Fargo. He taught Sunday school and served on the church council at Trinity Lutheran church in Montevideo. He held various positions with the Montevideo Jaycees, including

president, of the local chapter. In Fargo, he was on the church council of Olivet Lutheran Church and served as president of the congregation for a term. He was a 25-year member of "Gateway" Lions club, serving as club president in 1975-76. Joe was on the board of trustees for St. Luke's Hospital (Meritcare) for 6 years and was chairman of the board in 1985 and 1986. He also served on the board of Meritcare Foundation and the Fargo Chamber of Commerce. He was active in various trade and business groups, including the Fargo-Moorhead Electric Industry Association, and Sales and Marketing Executives. Joe served a 5-year term with the North Dakota State Board of Electricity, from 1986 until 1991.

The most important thing in Joe's life was always his family, especially Jeannette, the children, grand children and great-grandchildren. In retirements, Joe and Jeannette continued to live in Fargo, but had more time to travel and spend time with their family. They enjoyed wintering in Florida and Texas for several years, and took many long road trips.

Joe is survived by two sons, Joel (Connie) Peterson of Fargo, Karl (Maria) Peterson of Salt Lake City, and two daughters, Elizabeth Howard of Tampa, FL, Susan (Michael) Koesterman of Moorhead, eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one brother, Benjamin (Iola), of Moorhead. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents and three brothers; David, Samuel and Roderick.

Memorials are preferred to Olivet Lutheran Elevator Fund or Churches United for the Homeless.

In accordance with the CDC regulations regarding Covid-19, masks are required and social distancing should be practiced.

Cemetery

Riverside Cemetery - Fargo

2102 5th St. S.

FARGO, ND, 58103

Events

SEP **Visitation** 09:00AM - 10:00AM

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Olivet Lutheran Church

1330 S. University Drive, Fargo, ND, US, 58103

SEP **Memorial Service** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home - September 08 at 10:29 AM



“ What a pleasure it was to know Joe Peterson from the day we moved to Fargo in 1969. As a neighbor, we had many opportunities to share special moments as our families grew up. Also, as a fellow board member at St. Luke's hospital we worked together on many events in the development of that facility. His term as board chairman at the hospital developed some of the most important events in the history of that facility. I also worked with him on many community projects through the Chamber of Commerce. His leadership provided a great deal toward the development of the Fargo Moorhead community. I feel fortunate to have worked with him and known Joel Peterson as a friend.

Dick Walstad - September 13 at 11:16 AM



“ Janis D. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph Peterson.



Janis D. - September 12 at 02:09 PM



“ Sue and family:.. It was an honor getting to know your dad in recent years. He was always a gentleman. May memories of him be shared together often as a wonderful gift from God. He deeply loved each of you.

Sandi Kimmet - September 02 at 08:07 AM