

PETERSEN, Howard Dwaine

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Hinton, Iowa
January 12, 2006
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Howard Petersen

Services for Howard Petersen were held January 16 at the Federated United Church of Christ in Centerville with burial at Holland Cemetery, rural Centerville.

Howard Dwaine Petersen was born February 19, 1931 in Hinton, IA to parents Chris H. and Florence M. (Hanson) Petersen. He passed away peacefully at his home in rural Centerville, SD on January 12, 2006 at the age of 74 years, 10 months and 23 days.

His family moved to Hurley when Howard was an infant. He graduated from Hurley High School and moved to Centerville

as a young man and has lived there his entire life. He was united in marriage to Mildred Nelson on June 10, 1951. To this union a daughter, Patti, was born in January of 1956 and a son, Randy, was born in August of 1959.

Howard started farming with his father in 1949 and retired farming with his son in 1995. As a dairy farmer he served as a board member and officer for the Sioux Valley Milk Producers Association. He was also a member of the Centerville Rotary Club for many years holding various offices. Because of his love of baseball, he helped start the Centerville Teeners Team and coached that team for four years from 1972-1975. Howard also was a member of the Federated United Church of Christ in Centerville and served as a member of the church board and as Moderator. To better market milk, he was one of the founding members of the SD Jersey Cattle Club. To remain active following his retirement, Howard took a job at Walmart working in the Men's Clothing department.

Over the years he attended many events that his children were involved in. Following the birth of his grandsons he was kept busy attending their events. He attended cattle shows and 4-H events to watch his grandson Cameron participate. He also attended FFA, school and sporting events for Matthew and Wyatt. He loved to brag about his children and grandsons.

He is survived and will be greatly missed by his wife Mildred of Centerville; daughter Patti Kramer and husband Robert of Chancellor; son Randy Petersen and wife Debra of Centerville; grandsons: Cameron Kramer of Chancellor and Matthew and Wyatt Petersen of Centerville; two sisters: Margaret Peterson of Viborg and Marilyn Benson and husband Dean of Sioux Falls; 12 nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two nephews.
