

PETERSEN, Albert H.

January 9, 1909
rural Viborg
October 1, 1972
Rochester, Minnesota

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Besides his wife and children, he is survived by five grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Chris Long and Mrs. Rose Westegaard, both of Viborg; and one brother, Alvin P. Petersen, Meckling, S. D.

One son, Philip Loren, who died in infancy; his parents, three brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

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Funeral Services Held At Luverne, Minn. For Albert H. Petersen

Funeral services for a well known Luverne (Minn.) community leader, A. H. "Pete" Petersen, 63, were held at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne, Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 3.

Mr. Petersen died at Rochester Sunday morning, Oct. 1. He had been seriously ill for several weeks.

Officiating at the funeral was the Rev. Stan Eyberg. Burial was in Maplewood cemetery. Pallbearers were Norman Gene Peterson, Rodney Peterson, Gale Engman, Robert D. Petersen, Gary Petersen and Leslie Westegaard.

Albert H. Petersen was born Jan. 9, 1909, on his parents' homestead near Viborg, S. D. He attended rural school, Viborg High School and South Dakota State University, before going to work at a creamery in Center Point, S. D., in 1933. This led to a lifetime career in dairy food processing and creamery management.

He managed the cooperative creamery at Viborg for 23 years before coming to Luverne in 1956 to become manager of what was then the Luverne Cooperative Creamery Association. Under his management, the business grew, and the Tri-State Co-op Milk Assn. was formed. This led to the construction of the present processing plant at the west edge of Luverne. Later, the association merged with Land O'Lakes Creameries, Inc., and he continued as its manager up to the time of his death.

He was active in many community projects. He served as president of the Luverne Chamber of Commerce, and was also a past president of Dairy Processors. He worked with the Region XI Dairy Assn., helped to promote local and regional Dairy Days in Luverne and was on the board of directors of North Star Dairies. He was a member of the Luverne Rotary Club, and for several years was committee chairman in charge of Rotary Farmers' Night. A member of Grace Lutheran Church, he served several years on the Church Council and one term as president of the congregation. He was associated with the Odd Fellows, the Masons and of the Danish Brotherhood Society.

He married Clara Marie Peterson at Irene, S. D., Oct. 2, 1935. They became the parents of two children, Marlyce, now Mrs. William Hoffman of Mankato, and Peter of Minneapolis.