

PETERSEN, Robert D.

October 12, 1928  
Yankton  
June 1, 2002  
Sioux Falls

Viborg Enterprise  
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### **Robert D. Petersen**

Robert D. Petersen was born October 12, 1928 in Yankton. His parents were Lawrence and Gladys (Jensen) Petersen.

He was baptized and confirmed at Spring Valley Lutheran Church. He married Phyllis Nielsen April 9, 1950 and they farmed in the Center Point and Viborg area. Robert was very proud when he received his honorary high school diploma in 1997 from Viborg High School. He enjoyed wood working and displaying his work at crafty shows, playing marbles, being outdoors on his farm, and spending time with his grandchildren, family and friends.

Robert passed away on June 1, 2002 at Covington Heights Health Center in Sioux Falls. He had attained the age of 73.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his son Charles who passed away on July 22, 1979.

Robert is survived by his wife Phyllis of Viborg; two daughter Susan of Viborg and Lois and husband Michael Wirth of Osakis, MN; two grandchildren Amanda Dressler and Adam Wirth; one brother Eugene and wife Judy of Brighton, CO; three sisters Glennys and husband Seymour Madsen of Sioux Falls, Arlyce Stalheim of Sioux Falls, and Dianne and husband Ted Risty of Yankton; special aunt Marie Michaelson of Brandon, and many other relatives and friends.

Services were held on Tuesday, June 4, 2002 at Spring Valley Lutheran Church, Viborg, with Pastor Steve Unzicker officiating. Dotty Larsen was the organist and special music was by Alan, Gary and Ethel Ward.

Honorary pallbearers were Farmers Lumber Co. past and present board members. Pallbearers were Scott Nielsen, Chris Nielsen, Jim Hartmann, Tim Sorensen, Adam Wirth, Paul Petersen, Curtis Brady, and Amanda Wirth Dressler. Interment was at the Spring Valley Lutheran Cemetery.