



Robert Gerald "Pete" Pedersen

July 2, 1935 - February 21, 2015

Robert Gerald "Pete" Pedersen, 79, passed away February 21, 2015 at home, with family by his side, after a lengthy battle with Parkinson's. He was under the care of his wife, and Mercy Home Care and Hospice.

Gerald was born July 2, 1935 in Green Township, Valley City, ND to Paul and Ruth Falstad Pedersen. He was raised on farms in Green Township, southwest of Valley City. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He received his grade school education from Green School. He then attended Valley City Laboratory School, also known as College High in Valley City, graduating in 1953. While attending grade school, Gerald always remembered snow bound winters and going to school on a horse-drawn sleigh. He was a member of Green 4-H Club and once had potatoes for a project.

Gerald was an enlisted member of the North Dakota National Guard Construction Section 141. While serving, he and fellow Sergeants fired a 21 Gun Salute for Ratu Edward T. T. Cakabau (King Edward) of the Fiji Islands. King Edward came to Valley City for the 164 Infantry Division Reunion. The 164 spent time on the Fiji Islands during World War II. He was a member of the Amvets Post 3 and American Legion.

On April 5, 1969, Gerald married Beth Malm, of Nortonville, ND, in Valley City ND. Two children were born to this union, Lynn Ruth and Steven Robert.

Gerald and Beth made their home southwest of Valley City before moving into Valley City in 1989.

A lifelong carpenter, he worked for Sorenson Construction and later for KBW

Construction in Fargo, ND. He was part of the crew that renovated the old American National Bank Building on East Main, Valley City.

Gerald worked passionately for the preservation of Green Consolidated School in rural Barnes County.

He was an avid sports fan, particularly of basketball. He attended countless basketball games of the Valley City Hi-Liners, Valley City State University, and North Dakota State University Bison. He also enjoyed bowling.

He loved everything John Deere. He amassed a collection of John Deere memorabilia, including a few vintage John Deere tractors, of which he spent countless hours restoring. He also enjoyed coin collecting.

Gerald was interested in his family heritage and traveled to Iowa to have the Pedersen family listed in the Danish Museum. His father and grandfather immigrated to the United States from Denmark in 1906.

In recent years, Gerald and Beth enjoyed scenic bus trips to places like Branson, MO.

Gerald is survived by his wife, Beth, daughter, Lynn and son, Steven, all of Valley City; brothers, Earl (Olive) of Phoenix, AZ, Bert of Kathryn, ND, David (Connie) of Detroit Lakes, MN; sisters, Carol (Bert) Gee of Sacramento, CA, Pamela of New Orleans, LA, and Diane (Jack) Bjerke of Valley City, ND, brother-in-law Curtis Torgerson, Clarkfield, MN, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Pedersen, mothers, Ruth Falstad Pedersen, and Synöve Falstad Pedersen, and sister, Dorothy Torgerson.

The funeral service for Gerald will be held at 10:30 AM, Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. Burial will be in Ringsaker Cemetery, rural Valley City.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel.

To sign Gerald's online guestbook, please visit www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Ringsaker Cemetery

Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall

RM

“ Sincere condolences to the family and especially Lynn. Gerald is in good hands with our Lord, stay strong for one another.
Rose & Mike Mjor

Rose Mjor - February 26, 2015 at 08:23 AM

WL

“ Condolences to the family. Am sorry to hear of Gerald's passing. Another of our Green Township guys gone.

warren loendorf - February 25, 2015 at 10:49 AM

JJ

“ We were very sorry to hear about Gerald's passing. We send our deepest condolences to Gerald's family.
James & Sharon Jacobson

james jacobson - February 25, 2015 at 10:02 AM

GL

“ Lynn,

With sympathy to you and your family at this sad time.



Glenn & Marilyn Lahlum - February 24, 2015 at 08:29 AM

CO

“ Another long-time friend gone!! We send our condolences to all the Pedersen family and especially to Beth, Lynn and Robert. Charles always enjoyed visiting with Pete about the "old days". Charlie and Carol Olson

Charlie and Carol Olson - February 23, 2015 at 09:15 PM

PM

“ Beth and family we are so sorry for your loss. The Hamstad and Pedersen kids grew up knowing each other. Gerald stayed around Valley City so we saw him quite often. I remember when he and Beth were dating (she was working at the high school) and got married; my sister or I would babysit Lynn and Steven on occasion. Beth, you have earned your wings being such a wonderful caregiver to Gerald throughout his illness. Gerald, I will miss you; another link to my growing up years is gone.

Phyllis McKee - February 22, 2015 at 12:35 PM

DB

“ Gerald was already 15 when I arrived! As all my older siblings he too helped in the raising of his youngest sister. He was my driver and allowed me to take part in extra activities in junior high and high school. He proudly participated and supported the AMVETS especially the marching band and their travels while his daughter Lynn played with the band. Our once large family has lost another one of the "Pedersen kids" We will miss you brother!

Diane Bjerke - February 22, 2015 at 10:30 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Robert Gerald "Pete" Pedersen.*



February 21, 2015 at 11:37 PM



“ *Ardis Mae Martin purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Robert Gerald "Pete" Pedersen.*



Ardis Mae Martin - February 21, 2015 at 10:27 PM



“ *May all the memories that you all as a family have of Gerald be of comfort in this sad time. Just know he is at peace and free from the hardship of his illnesses. Beth know that we are thinking of you and Lynn and Steven and keeping you all in our prayers. Gerald was such a lucky man to have been blessed to have such a loving and caring wife and two of the greatest children. Loving thoughts of you. Thomas and Cynthia Tatom*

Thomas and Cynthia Tatom - February 21, 2015 at 10:20 PM



“ *Bless Gerald and his family for a courageous fight .*

Patricia Sather - February 21, 2015 at 09:09 PM