



Robert Lee Petersen

August 7, 1938 - October 21, 2014

Robert Lee Petersen was born August 7, 1938 to Rev. William and Marie Beckman Petersen in York, Nebraska. He was the youngest of 9 sons. He was baptized and confirmed in the congregations his father served in York and Garland, Nebraska. He graduated from Concordia High School Seward, Nebraska; Concordia Jr. College in St. Paul, MN; Concordia Sr. College Fort Wayne, and Concordia Seminary St Louis, Missouri in 1965. He married Joan Bruss June 23, 1962.

He did his vicarage at Zion in Chicago, Ill and was Ordained at Bethany Lutheran in Austin, TX. Bob served Trinity Lutheran church in Borger, TX and Bethany Lutheran in Naperville, Ill. He accepted a call to Trinity Lutheran in Carlos, MN in 1977 and served there for 23 years. Bob also served vacancies in congregations in Douglas County for 37 years including Ebenezer in Leaf Valley, Good Shepherd in Alexandria, St. Johns in Villard, Trinity in Grove Lake, Trinity in Carlos, and concluding with St. Paul's West Miltona.

Robert died October 21, 2014. Preceded in death by his parents, brothers William, Arthur, Ray, Erwin, Victor, and Paul.

Those surviving are his brothers Fred and Don (Yvonne), wife Joan, children and their spouses: Steven (Michelle), Philip (Tammy), Timothy (Shannon), and Elizabeth (Philip) and 8 grandchildren; Leah, Jordan, Kaitlyn, Todd, Benjamin, Peter, Nicholas, and Bethany and brother in law Gary Carlson and many nieces and nephews.

Bob and Joan purchased property on Maple Lake in 1978 where he employed

his skills in carpentry as they built their home where they lived full time after he retired in 2000. They enjoyed traveling in Germany, Norway, and Sweden to the homes of their ancestors and to their family's homes in CA, MT, CO, WI, and TX.

Bob met Joan when he got chicken pox. They shared many interests including reading, music, and fishing. He played football and basketball in High school. He was selected for all-state basketball in Nebraska. He was a fan of Cardinals, Cornhuskers, Twins, and Vikings. His internment will be at St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery at Wood Lake, MN.

Cemetery Details

St. Luke's Evangelical Cemetery

Wood Lake, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
300 Lake Street
Alexandria, MN 56308

Visitation

OCT **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Lee Petersen*



Anderson Funeral Home - October 30, 2014 at 08:05 AM

MW

“ *Marilyn Kevin Weedman lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Petersen*



Marilyn Kevin Weedman - October 27, 2014 at 02:42 PM

JC

“ *I have so many memories of Pastor Peterson & his family. What I remember most was his sense of humor, his authentic spirit & his love for the Lord. I know he will be deeply missed by his friends & family, but I also rejoice knowing He is face to face with His Savior, whom he has so faithfully loved & served these many years. Praying God's perfect peace & comfort for his wife, children & grandkids.*

Jennifer (Chattin) Chorost - October 25, 2014 at 10:52 AM

DH

“ *Pastor Bob was a good friend of our family. When my dad (Carl) was sick in 1995, Pastor Bob visited him many times at Douglas Co Hospital. When Dad was on his last days, Pastor Bob, Fr. Kinzer, Fr. Ethan and Fr. Ludwig were all in the room praying with him. As they all came out of the room, Pastor Bob said to me, " Your dad is ready to go home to be with Our Lord". After 19 years, Dad can now visit with his old friend. Carlos has lost a very special person. Our sympathy to Joan and all the family. The Hillmer families, Dennis, Deb, Linsey, Jed and Nathan.*

Dennis Hillmer - October 24, 2014 at 09:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Petersen.*



October 24, 2014 at 04:29 PM

SK

“ *I remember Pastor Bob with a smile on his face and a humorous joke or saying that was always at the ready when we would visit. He truly was a man of faith and instilled in me and my family that faith is what life is all about and gives each of us a choice in how we can live our lives. We share your sorrow and loss with prayers and thanksgiving to God for allowing so many lives to be touched by your loved one. Some day we will be able to share with him again.*

Larry, Susan, plus our family and Velma Kuseske Villard, MN

Susan Kuseske - October 24, 2014 at 02:32 PM

LK

“ *Larry & Susan Kuseske lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Petersen*



Larry & Susan Kuseske - October 24, 2014 at 07:38 AM

GR

“ *Greg & Rosie Reis lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Petersen*



Greg & Rosie Reis - October 23, 2014 at 09:11 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Petersen.*



October 23, 2014 at 05:07 PM

BS

“ I remember many things but having him step in when Pastor Bruening was not physically able to perform the wedding for our daughter Melissa Schuneman and Mark Kloubec on June 28, 1998 showed how he truly bloomed where he was planted.

I also remember people in Carlos, especially Danny Reis, calling him "the reverend". His morning route through Carlos brightened many lives.

As Pastor William Moeller (our vacancy pastor) told us of his passing this morning at Bible Study at Good Shepherd he said he remembered him as someone who had something humorous to share whenever he saw Pastor Bob.

My thoughts and prayers are with you, Joan, Steve, Phillip, Tim, Liz and your families.

He was a wonderful man, a great servant of his Lord and most of all lived his Christian faith as a child of God.

Take care. I know you know he has his crown of glory and is at peace with no more suffering, but I also pray that God will grant you comfort and peace in your hearts for the BIG hole he leaves. A piece of each of you went with him---that love he shared and all those memories. God bless you and may He hold you in the palm of His hand.

My love and prayers,
Barb (Merle) Schuneman

Barbara Schuneman - October 22, 2014 at 05:41 PM