

Raymond “Ray” Peterson, 85, died Tuesday, October 9, 2018, at CHI St. Alexius Health Carrington Medical Center surrounded by family.

Raymond Lyle Peterson was born on June 9, 1933, the son of Martin and Lela (Filbert) Peterson in Ellendale, ND. Ray graduated from Ellendale High School in 1951. He served in the U.S. Army from March 1955 until March 1957, completing his basic training at Fort Knox, KY, before being sent to Korea. While there, Ray visited his brother, Bob, who was serving in the U.S. Air Force in Japan, for a five-day leave. Ray was surprised to be set up in a private room with three hot meals a day – a special treat and reprieve from living in a tent in Korea!

Ray married Lois Husby, on August 31, 1958, at Zion Lutheran Church in Ellendale. Ray worked in the parts department for Quality Chevrolet in Ellendale until January 1967, when he joined Rydell Chevrolet in Grand Forks, ND, as service manager. In April 1975, the family moved to Carrington, ND, where Ray was the parts and service manager for Jim Vetsch Chevrolet, later Bessette Motors, until retiring in 2000. During his retirement years, Ray enjoyed driving a school bus filled with children’s stories and laughter on his daily route.

Ray was a sports fan and enjoyed the outdoors. The television or radio was usually tuned to Minnesota Twins baseball or Vikings football. He faithfully applied for an annual deer license, allowing him more quality time with his son and grandchildren. Ray and Lois traveled frequently, often in the company of their daughter, Cheryl, including numerous trips to Branson, MO, the Pacific Northwest and Montana to see family, a New England bus tour to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, and a special family cruise to Alaska in 2011. Ray was a member of the VFW and American Legion, and served on the Trinity Lutheran Church council in Carrington for a time.

A man of quiet strength, Ray loved nothing more than to be amongst family and good conversation. He had the honor of walking his only granddaughter, Nellie, down the aisle. In recent years, he cherished the sweet moments spent with his four great-grandchildren.

Ray’s family will miss his love and warmth on this earth, but are comforted knowing he is now at peace, relishing in the joy of a much-anticipated reunion with his son, Keith.

Ray is survived by his wife of 60 years, Lois; daughter, Cheryl Peterson, of Carrington; daughter-in-law, Julie Peterson, of Robinson, ND; three grandchildren, Dustin (Kristin) Peterson, and their children, Dylan and Everett, of Robinson, Darin (Cally) Peterson of Steele, ND, and Danielle (Mike) Wachter, and their children, Owen and Kylie, of Steele; brother, Robert (LaVonne) Peterson, of Grand Forks; and many nieces, nephews and dear extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his only son, Keith; sister, Carol Jean Peterson; and brother, Melvin Peterson.

In Loving Memory of



Raymond L. Peterson

June 9, 1933 - October 9, 2018



God Saw He Was Getting Tired

*God saw he was getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So He put His arms around him
And whispered, "Come to Me."*

With tearful eyes we watched him suffer

*And saw him fade away.
Although we loved him dearly
We could not make him stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating;
Hard working hands put to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*

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June 9, 1933 - Ellendale, ND
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PRAYER SERVICE
Friday, October 12, 2018 - 7:00PM
Evans Funeral Home, Carrington

FUNERAL SERVICE
Saturday, October 13, 2018 - 10:30AM
Trinity Lutheran Church, Carrington

OFFICIATING
Rev. Fred Grundmann

MUSIC
Clara Edwardson ~ Organist
Darwin Solberg ~ Soloist

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS
Beautiful Savior - #838
Amazing Grace - #779
Abide With Me - #629

CASKET BEARERS
Dustin Peterson Kristin Peterson
Darin Peterson Cally Peterson
Danielle Wachter Mike Wachter

HONORARY BEARERS
All Family & Friends in Attendance

BURIAL
Ellendale City Cemetery

MILITARY HONORS
North Dakota National Guard Funeral Honors Team

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