



## Don L. Petersen

February 28, 1936 - September 27, 2019

Don Leroy Petersen was born to Ray M. and Phyllis M. (Kleinschrodt) Petersen on February 28, 1936, at Friend, Nebraska, and passed away September 27, 2019, in York, Nebraska at the age of 83 years, 6 months, 27 days. He was the oldest of two children.

Don graduated from Exeter High School in 1953, and then attended Milford Trade School. He served in the US Army, 3rd Armored Division, 1955-1957, stationed in Germany as a medic, and enjoyed his travels while there.

Don was married to Jayne Erdkamp on December 27, 1957, and to them, four children were born; Danny, Kim, Jon, and Tommy. The couple first lived on a farm north of Cordova for 4 years before moving to their longtime home west of Cordova. Don spent his life doing what he loved best, farming. He enjoyed deer hunting and always looked forward to opening day. He also loved attending church and Sunday School.

Family meant everything to Don and no matter how busy he was, he always took time to enjoy his children and grandchildren and was a wonderful, patient teacher to them. Don loved harvest season and still looked forward to operating the grain cart as well as helping with spring planting. He prided himself on his straight rows, even without GPS. Though he was retired, he jokingly made sure everyone knew he was still "The Boss".

As a boy, Don was active in Boy Scouts and spent two summers at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. He loved to tell stories about his childhood. His favorite story was about the barnstormer who landed his plane in a nearby field and gave him a ride, at the age of 8, without his parents knowledge.

Don attended as many of his children's and grandchildren's school and sporting events as he could and he was very proud of his 7 great grandchildren as well.

Don was preceded in death by his parents Ray and Phyllis Petersen; his sister Donna Jasinski; and his parents-in-law Leonard and Eleanor Erdkamp.

He is survived by his wife, Jayne; his children, Danny Petersen of rural Exeter, Kim (John) Krolikowski of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Jon (Cynthia) Petersen of Robins, Iowa, Tommy (Angela) Petersen of Cordova; nine grandchildren, Molly Krolikowski, Preston (Michelle) Petersen, Samantha Krolikowski, Kellen (Nicole) Petersen, Whitney (Bryan) Bybee, Austin (Jamie) Petersen, Luke Petersen, Emily Petersen, Paige Petersen; seven great grandchildren, Maddox, Zuri, and Ella Petersen, Dominic Krolikowski, Everett and Emmett Bybee, and Owen Petersen; brothers-in-law Henry Jasinski, Lawrence (Sue) Erdkamp, John (Cheri) Erdkamp, James (Mary Beth) Erdkamp; sister-in-law Mary Dinneen; many nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

A Funeral Service for Don was held on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Cordova, Nebraska. Pastor Brian Tuma officiated the service. Blake & Andrea Woodburn accompanied the congregation in the singing of "Beautiful Savior," "Wonderful Merciful Savior," and "Blessed Assurance."

Pallbearers for the service included Preston Petersen, Kellen Petersen, Austin

Petersen, Luke Petersen, Scott Jasinski, William Sladek, Bryan Bybee, and Larry Erdkamp, Jr.

Interment was held in the Exeter Cemetery with Military Flag Presentation performed by Don's brother-in-law, Larry Erdkamp.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at [www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com)

Memorials are suggested to the Orphan Grain Train or the St. John's Lutheran Church in Cordova.

# Cemetery Details

## Exeter Cemetery

Exeter, NE 68351

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer Funeral Home  
305 South Burlington Avenue  
Exeter, NE 68351  
(402) 266-3621  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present for Visitation

OCT 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Farmer Funeral Home  
305 South Burlington Avenue  
Exeter, NE 68351  
(402) 266-3621  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

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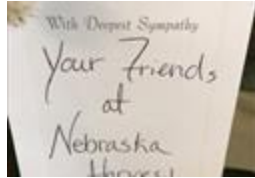
OCT 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Lutheran Church  
200 Paris St  
Cordova, NE 68330

# Tribute Wall



“ 42 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - October 03, 2019 at 05:09 PM



“ Condolences to all of the Petersen family. Don was a special man who lived a good life, that touched many. I have many fond memories of Don from church, to scouts, to baseball, and so much more---hugs to you all and take pleasure in all of your special memories.

Ron Gerber - October 02, 2019 at 04:28 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Don L. Petersen.



October 02, 2019 at 01:41 PM

 Cheryl Radcliff

“ Our prayers are with your family. Dale and Cheryl Radcliff. May the Lords presence fill and surround you.

Cheryl Radcliff - October 02, 2019 at 12:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Don L. Petersen.



October 02, 2019 at 12:03 PM



“ Jim and Eileen Derbyshire purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Don L. Petersen.



Jim and Eileen Derbyshire - October 02, 2019 at 09:31 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Don L. Petersen.



October 02, 2019 at 08:46 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Don L. Petersen.



October 01, 2019 at 09:36 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Don L. Petersen.



October 01, 2019 at 07:10 PM



“ *BASF, Professional & Specialty Solutions* purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of Don L. Petersen.



**BASF, Professional & Specialty Solutions** - October 01, 2019 at 03:45 PM



“ *Kent & Rose Theobald* lit a candle in memory of Don L. Petersen



**Kent & Rose Theobald** - October 01, 2019 at 11:45 AM

KB

“ Dear Jayne and family,  
We were saddened to learn this morning about Don's death. Our loss is Heaven's gain!!  
We will always remember Don as our 'miracle man' whom God chose to heal of cancer at that particular time in his life.  
Please know that we will lift you up in our prayers as you make this transition to life without Don.

We love you!  
Keith and Sharon Bateman

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Keith and Sharon Bateman - October 01, 2019 at 10:44 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Don L. Petersen.



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October 01, 2019 at 08:38 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don L. Petersen.



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October 01, 2019 at 08:07 AM

DW

“ One of the times I stayed over with Kim, he grilled bbq chicken . That was the first time I had bbq. Chicken off of the grill. It was delicious. He always had a smile on his face. Prayers to all of you , I know he will be missed . Diane wole

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**Diane Wolfe** - October 01, 2019 at 01:40 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Don L. Petersen.



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September 30, 2019 at 02:13 PM

CW

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Corinne Weldon** - September 29, 2019 at 11:36 AM