



Robert Neil Peterson

February 24, 1923 - November 20, 2016

Robert Neil Peterson, 93, died Sunday, November 20, 2016 in the presence of family at Newnan Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He leaves behind 10 children and more than 50 grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Born and raised in Hyde County, South Dakota, the son of John and Vera Peterson, he grew up cattle ranching with four brothers, all of whom preceded him in death.

In his early years, Bob married Dorothy Heitland and farmed her family's land in Wolsey, South Dakota. Later, he was a long-distance trucker while supporting a large family. They moved to Newnan in 1984. Bob had a passion for his church, family, reading, gardening, and Dorothy's cooking.

He was a longtime member of Newnan Presbyterian Church, and was known for his smile and lovingly hard hugs. He's joining his wife, a son, and granddaughter in heaven and this gave him great comfort in his final hours.

The family will have a private memorial after Christmas. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, Georgia 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

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Previous Events

Service

NOV 23.

Service planned for later date

Tribute Wall

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“ My memories of Uncle Bob are from the good old days of our families getting together for the fourth of July at Grandpa and Grandma Peterson's in Harrold. Jim & I knew he was one of those parents you could trust not to "turn you in", regardless of what trouble you were in. He was always smiling, and you could just tell that he really enjoyed his life and all the people surrounding him. Working together on the farm(s), he was definitely "one of the guys" and could keep my dad (Orville), and his other brothers..Wayne, and Lester in some form or discussion (argument) about the history of something or someone's last name. The proof that he was a great man is in his children. They're all very loving and good people. Goodbye, Uncle Bob...you're probably up there already with your first family...and you're probably having a discussion (argument) around the dinner table. We're all lucky to have known you, and I guess it's great that you're all together now. Thank you for being in our lives.

Harold Peterson - November 23, 2016 at 12:22 PM

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Great memories and well written Harry!

When I think of uncle Bob I too remember his smile. He always made you wonder what he was thinking or what was happening in his life that he could be in such a happy frame of mind. I don't recall a time when I saw him without a smile.

Uncle Bob was also very proud of his family. He was always willing to sit down and visit with you about his children or grand children. He would have some interesting stories about his family and seemed to "beam" when sharing them with you.

The other facet of Uncle Bob that stands out in my memory is how open and welcoming he was. I, too remember Uncle Bob with fond memories as I never felt like an "in-law" but was always treated like I was just one of the "Peterson's". He reminded me of Grandma Peterson. He would hug you and do whatever he could when we would stop in to see him.

Though uncle Bob has passed to a better place, his memories will remain with many of those whose lives he touched.

Jerry & Nancy Peterson - November 28th at 8:15 PM

Jerry & Nancy Peterson - November 28, 2016 at 08:31 PM