



Elden "Swede" Petersen

January 12, 1931 - April 23, 2015

Elden "Swede" Petersen

Age 84, of Custer Park, IL passed away Thursday, April 23, 2015 at Miller Rehabilitation Center in Kankakee, IL. Born January 12, 1931 in Grant Park, IL to the late John and Martha (nee Pflugsten) Petersen. He previously served as an auxiliary police officer in the 1970's for Wilmington, IL and the Will County area. He was the supervisor for Will County roads and was previously the Custer Township Road Commissioner. Member of the Will County Threshermen's Association and founding member of the Central Illinois Green Club. Lifelong farmer of the Custer Park area and had a love for anything John Deere.

Surviving are three children, Patricia (Edward) Malcom of Custer Park, Diane (Michael) White of St. Charles, IL, and Elden "Chris" (Mary) Peterson, Jr. of Custer Park; four grandchildren, Ashley White, Christelle Petersen, Catrina Petersen, and Jonathon Petersen; one great-grandson, Jake Ryan White-McGinnis; step-grandchild, Sam Carlisle; one brother, Lorenz (Janet) Petersen of Barrington Hills, IL; numerous nieces and nephews; and his beloved dog and faithful companion, Hermie.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Carol Fay (nee DeMik) Petersen, whom he married January 16, 1954; and one sister, Verna Springer.

Visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, Braidwood Chapel, Sunday, April 26, 2015 from 3-7 p.m.

Funeral services will be private.

Interment Oakwood Cemetery, Braidwood, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the family would be appreciated. For more information and to sign his online guestbook please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory.

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Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery-Braidwood

Essex Road
Braidwood, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 26. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GF

“ Swede was on the Will County Sheriff Auxiliary with me in the 70's. He was a great guy and I have fond memories of the time we spent together.
You are all in our thoughts and prayers. I know there is a place for him in heaven.
Greg Flint

Greg Flint - May 03, 2015 at 04:11 AM

DS

“ Patty Diane x Chris: we are so sorry to hear of your Dads passing! He was an amazing neighbor and a good friend who was always ready to help when ever needed. I always felt safe knowing he patrolled zilm rd for the 28 yrs. we lived there... God bless. Dick x Judy Smith



dick x judy smith - April 27, 2015 at 11:13 PM

SM

“ When Pat and I were in high school he had us work all day Saturday on the farm so we could use his truck to go out on Saturday night. It was hard work and usually we were too tired to stay out very late. Hey wait! That was probably his plan! When I was grown up I use to stop by Perk's in Essex and have a burger at lunch so I could see him and he would buy me a drink.

Sharon Moyer - April 27, 2015 at 04:05 PM

ST

“ He was like a dad to me...one time he handcuffed me to a chair in his kitchen and when he saw my face, he broke out laughing with that grin he always had. He uncuffed me and told me "that is what a criminal feels like, don't ever be one." We laughed about that years and years later.

Sandie Moyer Thompson - April 27, 2015 at 03:59 PM

KB

“ Pat & Family,my thoughts,prayers & condolences for your loss! Kathi Wickman Brewer



Kathi Wickman Brewer - April 27, 2015 at 03:26 PM

CL

“ I am so sorry to have missed Swede's celebration. I will always remember what a great 2 cylinder mechanic he was. My dad Jack and I used to marvel at how well his tractors ran and always wondered how did Swede do that? What secret did he know about those tractors? Hopefully there are John Deere's in heaven where he can tune them up.

Craig Long

Craig Long - April 27, 2015 at 08:45 AM

Pat
Grell

“ A dear family friend for many years.



Pat Grell - April 26, 2015 at 07:46 AM

ML

“ Michelle Linkowski lit a candle in memory of Elden "Swede" Petersen



michelle linkowski - April 26, 2015 at 07:31 AM

DT

“ I have known Swede for over 50 years. He is and always will be an icon within the Will County farming community. He was always there to help a neighbor or anyone else who needed help. I consider it my privilege to have known this man. My father (who is over 90 years old) feels the same way about Swede. He is and will always remain in our memories as our friend. He was truly "a man".

Dick Tyler - April 26, 2015 at 06:18 AM

JC

“ I took great pleasure in caring for your father over the last few months of his journey. I loved him instantly and will forever remember our daily interactions. My heart goes out to all of you during this time. Thank you for being a chapter in my life. Godspeed Stud. Jocelyn Corbin

jocelyn corbin - April 25, 2015 at 04:03 PM

JB

“ Yrs ago when my husband @ I moved to Custer Pk Swede became our next dr neighbor @ best friend I used to tell him he reminded me of my dad@ he could be my dad he told me I can't be your dad "your to old" but you can be my sister so from that day on he became my brother. When his dog died he seemed so lost so for Christmas my husband gave him his beloved Hermie Almost everyday he @ hermie would visit on his golf cart @ we would sit 2 chat.Hermie was named after my husband which we thought was so funny.We will miss you my friend May you rest in peace Love you Butch @ Joy

Joy @ Butch - April 25, 2015 at 02:30 PM

SS

“ So sorry for your loss! Jim & Susan Stanley

susan stanley - April 25, 2015 at 07:04 AM

 Becky Sterling

“ Becky Sterling lit a candle in memory of Elden "Swede" Petersen



Becky Sterling - April 25, 2015 at 12:22 AM

SF

“ Swede was one of the sweetest guys I knew. He treated my family like his own, loved my children. Even told my sons to call him Grandpa when they're own Grandpa passed away. Many loving memories. Swede will always be remembered as a member of our family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Swede's family. May he rest forever in Peace

The Terry Sterling Family

Sterling Family - April 24, 2015 at 07:46 PM

JV

My prayers go to Swede's family. Always loved going to see his old tractors. Makes me smile to think of him when I was a kid.

Jeff Veigelt - April 25, 2015 at 07:19 PM

PF

RIP my dear friend memories of coffee times at the restraint with you. Mr Ray Hoffman, Judy Warner, Jack and some others, say hello to them or me until we all meet again. Pattie Feazel

pattie feazel - April 27, 2015 at 01:05 AM