



Howard D. Peters

November 29, 1946 - August 13, 2022

Howard D. Peters, 75, died Saturday, August 13, 2022, of complications of a stroke at the Sheffield Care Center, surrounded by his family, who loved him. Visitation will be held at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at Zion St. John Lutheran Church in Sheffield, with a funeral service following at 10:00 a.m. He will be interred with honor at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Adel. Counsell Woodley Funeral Home of Sheffield is caring for Howard and his family.

Click here to join live broadcast of Howard's Funeral Service (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDMpb3ZZBGpYDXbZ7BSsccg>)

Howard Dean Peters, son of Henry and Naomi (Lutterman) Peters, was born in Grundy Center, Iowa, on November 29, 1946. He grew up on the family farm in rural Wellsburg, Iowa, with his sister Elinor (Hinders) and Charles. After graduating with the Wellsburg High School class of 1965, Howard attended Ellsworth Community College, where he ran on the track team, one of his fondest memories. After marrying his wife, Linda (Van Deest) on August 25, 1967, he earned his B.A. at the University of Northern Iowa. Shortly after his first of three daughters, Kristine, was born, Howard enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was deployed to Bien Hoa, Vietnam. While he was gone, his second daughter, Jennifer was born. Staff Sgt. Peters, served his country for four years. Upon his return to civilian life, the family moved to Clarion, Iowa,

where his third daughter, Cortney, was born.

Howard was in the grocery business for the first part of his career, and owned the H&L grocery store in Sheffield, Iowa. He was proud to serve his community for many years through the local American Legion, Athletic Booster Club, founding member of the Sheffield EMTs, church leadership, Community Club. Later, they moved to Ankeny, Iowa, where he began the second half of his career in insurance and financial planning with BCBS and later Principal.

Howard never met a person he couldn't strike up a conversation with over a strong cup of coffee. He spent most of his later years outside with his dogs, walking through the woods and falling in creeks. A lifelong learner who never ran out of curiosity, he loved stumping his grandkids with logic puzzles and brainteasers. He was a good father and grandfather, a good soldier, and a good friend, who wasn't above calling you a dumbass when warranted. He leaves behind many colorful stories to tell, and could never be forgotten.

Howard is survived by his daughters Kris (Jeff) Potts, Jeffery, Meghan and Abby; Jennifer (Bob) Merfeld, Zach and Haley (Toomsen), Megan and Julia; and Cortney (Nate) Swanson, Hunter and Emerson; sister Elinor (Glenn) Hinders; and brother Charles (Ardis). His first great-grandson, Ryder James Merfeld, son of Zach and Haley, arrived extra early so Papa could see him before he left.

He was preceded in death by his wife Linda, his parents, and several lucky dogs.

Cemetery Details

Iowa Veterans Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Zion St. John Lutheran Church
316 Sherman Street
Sheffield, IA 50475
secretary@zionstjohn.org
<http://zionstjohn.org>

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Tribute Wall

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“ Howard wrote a Good Friday drama called sacrifice that the youth acted out on Good Friday. Used it in my parish at Esther Lutheram here in Minnesota. This much of his legacy continues. A dear friend and faithful servant. Pastor Ken

pastor ken - August 23, 2022 at 10:38 AM

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“ I have to go way back to remember when your family lived next door to us here in Sheffield. You girls weren't very old. Kris, I remember you & Michelle decorating Christmas cookies. I'm glad David was able to see you & your Dad at the Sheffied Care Center. Our prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Carol Stadlander - August 17, 2022 at 11:21 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Howard D. Peters.



August 16, 2022 at 02:48 PM

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“ Alice Barkmeier family purchased the Divine Light for the family of Howard D. Peters.



Alice Barkmeier family - August 16, 2022 at 12:44 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Howard D. Peters.*



August 15, 2022 at 07:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Howard D. Peters.*



August 15, 2022 at 04:02 PM