



Howard Dwayne Petersen

June 22, 1930 - February 9, 2026

Howard Dwayne Petersen, 95, of Wellington, CO passed away peacefully on February 9, 2026. Iowa was where he was born, raised and married the love of his life, Esta. He was a supportive and loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Survived by his children; Ricci Petersen (Sheila Brewbaker), Judi Kapperman (Dean), Sandi Zitek (Kent), grandchildren; Richard Bailey, Lisa Mai (Travis), Camber Zitek, Blair Petersen-Silverberg (Shawn), Charity Caryl, Deana Menard, Jay Thompson, numerous great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Preceded in death by his loving wife Esta (Granny), parents Jorgen and Daisy, two brothers Bobby and Lloyd, two sisters Shirley and Phyllis, and grandson Taylor Petersen.

Howard served in the US Marine Corp from 1951 to 1953 during the Korean War. Most people knew Howard as "Gramps". You could always have a good laugh with him at coffee in the mornings or afternoon happy hour snacks. Growing up you had to learn to run gates for Gramps and then you could graduate to have a license to run the wheel barrel, once you master the wheel barrel he would throw you in the tractor seat.

Family gatherings at Gramps and Granny's meant the world to him, as he loved spending time with the family.

Per his wishes there will be a private family service at a later time. Condolences are welcome. Use the photos and video tab to upload any pictures you would like to share.

Tribute Wall

SI

“ Ric, Judi, Sandi, and Family, I have known your Dad/Grandpa for 77 years. He came to our home in Windsor to help with the harvest crew, came back year after year and eventually came to work the sugar campaign in Windsor. He traveled with his buddy, Leon. What a pair those two were. I felt like I had two older brothers. When they worked at the sugar factory, they would pick me up after school-- sometimes we stopped at the drug store for ice cream. He and your Mom were more like family than friends. I watched you all grow up, and even shared my horse with you, Ric. My prayers and thanks are with you on this sad occasion--I lost my friend. I am blessed to have had all of you in my family. God's peace.

Sharon Heiden Inloes - February 18 at 04:49 PM

RF

“ Rick and family, I'm very sorry to hear about this. I will miss seeing Howard riding around the place in his atv, and our occasional visits on the side of the road.
Rest easy now Marine. Semper Fi.

Roger Fain - February 12 at 11:10 PM



“ So sorry for the families loss ! He was there when our family needed him

Danean Davis Connelley - February 12 at 09:39 PM

LP

“ I remember when Howard had a major part in our shivilry after Les and I were married. Many people from town met us at Les' folks house and thought it would be fun for Les to put me in a wheel barrel and push me down Main Street. Howard always loved a good time. We will miss him

linda Powers - February 12 at 08:39 PM


MB

“ *Peterson Family*
I am sorry for your loss. From the days of Heiden's Feed & Grain and throughout the years, Howard has always been visible / been around. (A part of things going on.) He was always fun to talk to.

Mike Blehm

Michael Blehm - February 12 at 10:56 AM

LK

“ Howard was such a good friend to our family. Elmer & Dee Fortin. We bought milk from him for years and talked horses. When we would drive up Howard would say “Jesus Christ.” When Laurie would come home, Elmer would go visit Howard and Laurie would say “Jesus Christ!” We all laughed. Rest in peace. Give Esta a hug


Laurie Fortin Kalinec - February 11 at 05:57 PM