

DeWain Peterson

DeWain Peterson, 86, of Groton died Saturday, April 12, 2003, at Beverly Healthcare Center, Groton. His funeral will be held 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 16th at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton. Rev. Stephen D. Swenson will officiate. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Military Rites will be provided by Groton Legion Post #39.

DeWain Michael Peterson was born on September 15, 1916 to Mary Catherine (Mulligan) and Jack Peterson in Groton, SD. He was baptized at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Groton and later confirmed as an adult at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Bristol. He attended Groton Elementary and High Schools. DeWain worked for a time with his brother as a Groton City Maintenance man. He entered the armed forces on September 23, 1941. His training camp was in California, where he was stationed with the Anti-tank Company. The 17th Regiment was then sent to the Aleutian Islands, where the Japanese had invaded. DeWain played a vital role in the destruction of Japanese machine guns that were hidden in tunnels throughout the island of Attu. The Company was then stationed at Honolulu, Hawaii, where DeWain took part in the joint operation between the Navy and Army against the Japanese held Kwajalein Island. He was injured in



both the shoulder and wrist by artillery fire on the Philippine Islands. The injury forced him to stay behind as the rest of the 17th Regiment went over to Okinawa, Japan.

He married Arletta Mae Huwe at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Bristol, SD on April 29, 1951. He worked as an electrician on Fort Randall, Oahe and Gavins Point Dams in South Dakota. They moved to the Twin Cities in 1967, where DeWain was employed at the Veterans Administration Medical Center as an electrician. He retired in 1993 and he and his wife returned to Groton, where he was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, the American Legion, VFW, and Disabled American Veterans. His hobbies were golfing, bowling, hunting, fishing and volunteering his service calling bingo for the elderly until he became ill with cancer.

Grateful for having shared in his life are his wife, Arletta of Groton, six god-children and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, two sisters and two brothers.

Honorary Casketbearers will be Joyce Huwe, Lucile Peterson, Irene Long, Erma and Tom Knutson and Nadine and Vern Sauer.

Casketbearers will be John Peterson, Bob McFarland, Van Kalinoski, Randal Sauer, Bruce Knutson and Kris Knutson.