



## Gerald "Jerry" Chester Peterson

December 22, 1931 - October 28, 2016

Gerald "Jerry" Chester Peterson, age 84, of Albia, passed away October 28, 2016 at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, Iowa. He was born December 22, 1931 to Henry and Vera (Allison) Peterson in rural Monroe County. He grew up and graduated from the Lovilia High School with the Class of 1949. On October 29, 1954 he was united in marriage to Maxine Gillette at the Methodist Church in Albia.

Gerald was a full time farmer his entire life but also worked at Morrells before he joined the United States Army and served his country doing the Korean War. After returning home he continued farming and worked for the Chicago Rivet Factory where he was a machinist. Gerald enjoyed being outdoors, woodworking and family cookouts. He was a talented craftsman and could accomplish anything he set his mind to. His real joy in life was spending time with his family and friends.

Gerald is survived by his wife of 62 years, Maxine Peterson; his daughter, Vicki Colwell; four sons, Dennis Peterson, Dave (Carol) Peterson, Curtis (Kaylene) Peterson and Merrill (Melissa) Peterson, 11 grandchildren, Kelli, Kari, Eric, TJ, Jeremy, Katlyn, Daniella, Dalton, Kylie, Makenzie, and Abby and many great grandchildren; his sister, Donna Post; his brother, Harold "Pete" (Sharon) Peterson, a sister-in-law, Mary Peterson; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Vera Peterson; his brother, Walter "Jack" Peterson; and a grandchild, Skyler Reid Peterson.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 1, 2016, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Gerald's family present throughout the day. As was Gerald's wish, his body will be cremated and a private family burial with military rites will be held at a later date.

Memorials have been established to the Welcome Home Soldier Memorial in Albia or to the family's wishes.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.tharpfh.com](http://www.tharpfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 1. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald "Jerry" Chester Peterson*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Gerald "Jerry" Chester Peterson*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Tresa (Gillette) Fredstrom and Allan Gillette purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Chester Peterson.*



**Tresa (Gillette) Fredstrom and Allan Gillette** - October 31, 2016 at 12:21 PM



“ *To Maxine and family, thinking about you at this sad time and knowing Jerry is no longer in pain and you have all your memories to give you comfort. He was a hard worker and wanted the best for his family and was very proud of you all. May God give you peace as you remember all his love,*

**Marilyn and Steve Larson** - October 29, 2016 at 11:58 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Chester Peterson.



October 29, 2016 at 04:00 AM



“ Sorry for your loss. 💜 sending prayers for the family.

**Bekah Murphy** - October 28, 2016 at 11:30 PM



“ Joann Gergely sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Chester Peterson



**Joann Gergely** - October 28, 2016 at 10:06 PM



“ Maxine and family, I am so, sorry for your loss. I know that there is no words that can ease your pain. But, I will be praying for you all. I have many greet memories of Jerry . Building things with him, my boy's and my self cutting fire wood with him and many more. He was a great man and I know he will be missed by many. But, know he is no longer in pain and is in a glorious place at God's side. More than likely joking around with him. Love you all and know my heart is breaking for you all. Hugs to you Mac.



**lora mefford nickerson** - October 28, 2016 at 09:12 PM

DB

“ My thoughts n prayers go out to the family at this time.. I am so sorry to hear about the loss of ur father..sending special hugs to Dave & Carol, Curt & Kaylene, Merrill & Melissa and Vicki and Dennis.  
Your friend and classmate..Deb Ballalatak



deb ballalatak - October 28, 2016 at 09:04 PM

MM

So very sorry to hear of Jerrys passing. He was one of a kind & will be dearly missed. Thoughts & prayers for all the family!

mary minturn - October 28, 2016 at 09:12 PM



I am truly sorry for your loss. My mom and Jerry worked together for many many years. He was always so nice. My God be with you all.  
Your friend and classmate Patty Chance 🙏💔

Patty McNeal - October 28, 2016 at 11:11 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Chester Peterson.



October 28, 2016 at 07:37 PM