



### **Albert "Gene" Peterson**

Albert "Gene" Peterson was born October 6, 1930, to Carl A. and Doris M. (DeWitt) Peterson. He lived his childhood on a farm and ranch at Folsom, SD. Gene graduated from Rapid City High School in 1950, excelling with the track team breaking low hurdle records. In 1951, Gene enlisted in the United States Navy serving in California, and carriers USS Lake Champlain and USS Hornet. Upon his discharge in 1954, Gene returned to Rapid City and married Joan Martinson on August 14, 1955. They celebrated 56 plus years together.

Gene enrolled at the South Dakota School of Mines in the fall of 1957 taking advantage of the tuition provided to veterans. He graduated in 1961 with a degree in Civil Engineering and began his 33 year career with South Dakota Department of Transportation. He worked on building Interstate 90 from Rapid City to the Wyoming border with offices in Rapid City and Sturgis. Upon completion of the Interstate, he served as an area engineer retiring from the Belle Fourche office. Gene had a great passion for golf and the Boulder Canyon Country Club. Gene looked forward to deer hunting in the fall with his Dad and relatives and reliving stories from "buck camp." Gene pursued all sports with enthusiasm and enjoyed his winter skiing and bowling.

Gene, 81, Sturgis, passed from this life Sunday, March 11, 2012, at the Sturgis Regional Senior Care Center. Gene's last years were complicated by Alzheimer's disease, but he now has victory and can pursue all things he had planned for retirement.

Gene is survived by his wife, Joan Peterson, Sturgis; son, Eric John Peterson, Sturgis; sister, Elaine Barber, Rapid City; and brother-in-law, Ralph Rogers, Rapid City.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Alice Rogers.

Memorials have been established for the building funds of the South Dakota School of Mines and the First United Methodist Church of Sturgis.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



## ***In Loving Memory***



***Gene Peterson***

***1930 ~ 2012***



***HE ONLY TAKES THE BEST***

*God saw him getting tired  
and a cure was not to be  
So He put His arms around him  
and whispered "come unto Me."  
With tearful eyes we watched Gene suffer  
and saw him fade away.  
Although we loved him dearly,  
we could not ask for him to stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
hard working hands to rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.*



*In Loving Memory Of*

***Albert "Gene" Peterson***

***Born***

October 6, 1930  
Rapid City, South Dakota

***Passed***

March 11, 2012  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Memorial Service***

Thursday, March 15, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.  
First United Methodist Church

***Officiating***

Pastor Jenene Earl

***Accompanist***

Maxine Nelson

***Soloist***

Myrna Hill

***Musical Selections***

"In The Garden"  
"I'll Fly Away"

***Honorary Pallbearers***

Ralph Rogers ~ David Rogers ~ Kirk Martinson  
John Kissack ~ Keith Smit ~ Elmer Preszler

***Military Honors***

Rapid City Post 1273

***Inurnment***

Black Hills National Cemetery

*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch in the church hall following the committal service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*