

## Leonard Edward Peters

December 22, 1928 - May 27, 2019

Leonard Edward Peters was born to Edward and Mary Peters in Narka, Kansas on December 22, 1928. He lived for 90 years, 4 months and 3 days. He grew up during the depression, but the hardships were nothing new for his family which was of Czech descent. He attended schools in Narka and walked 2 ½ miles both ways to school and home. He was joined by brother Albert and sister Marlene by the time he was 10.

Farming was hard for those in Kansas due to lack of feed, seed and water caused by the dust storms. Dust was in and on everything. The roads were rutted and had pot-holes. It was sad that they all ate so much dust as they lived through those hard times.

Leonard accepted Jesus Christ at the age of 12 and at the age of 15, was baptized in the Presbyterian church where his God-fearing parents attended.

Leonard graduated from Narka High School on May 30, 1948, in a class of about 17. By October 14, 1948, he had enlisted in the United States Navy where he served for 22 years. He served at Alameda NAS for 9 years (3 tours), Japan for 3 years, Hawaii for 6 years (2 tours) and 3 years at Whidby Island, WA. He also served on the USS Coral Sea and the USS Princeton. It was found that his job as Store Keeper in supplying the planes was better served on land. Leonard retired July 1, 1970 as a CPO E7.

While serving in Alameda, CA NAS he met and later married Winifred Larsen in 1961. Winnie joined him as he served in Hawaii and Whidby Island. After his retirement, they bought a house on Burkhart St. where Skippy Peanut Butter was founded. In March of 1999, Winnie passed away.

Leonard joined a grief support group and met Linda Coffey, who had lost her husband in November 1998. Linda moved to Albany, OR in May of 2001 to care for her mother, Doris Winter, who was suffering from Alzheimer's Disease. On June 22, 2004, Leonard and Linda married at Calvary Community Church, a country church in Albany, OR with Pastor Martin Haase officiating.

Leonard loved to go to thrift stores and yard sales. He said that his nickname was "Free" because the free boxes were his favorite thing at yard sales. He spent many hours puttering in the yard and in his two sheds. He was a rather quiet man who loved the Lord, reading his Bible, and going to the Men's breakfast at Calvary Community Church.

Leonard was preceded in death by his father, Edward Peters; mother, Mary Sterba Peters; brother Albert Peters; brother-in-law Dennis Robbins; first wife, Winifred Peters; stepson Gary Larsen; and nephew Eldon Robbins.

Leonard is survived by his sister Marlene Robbins and her 5 children and families; wife Linda Peters and her 5 children and families.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Leonard's name for the Missionaries at Calvary Community Church or Samaritan Evergreen Hospice. A memorial service will be held at Calvary Community Church (35764 Knox Butte Road E, Albany, OR 97322) on September 21, 2019 at 2:00 PM.

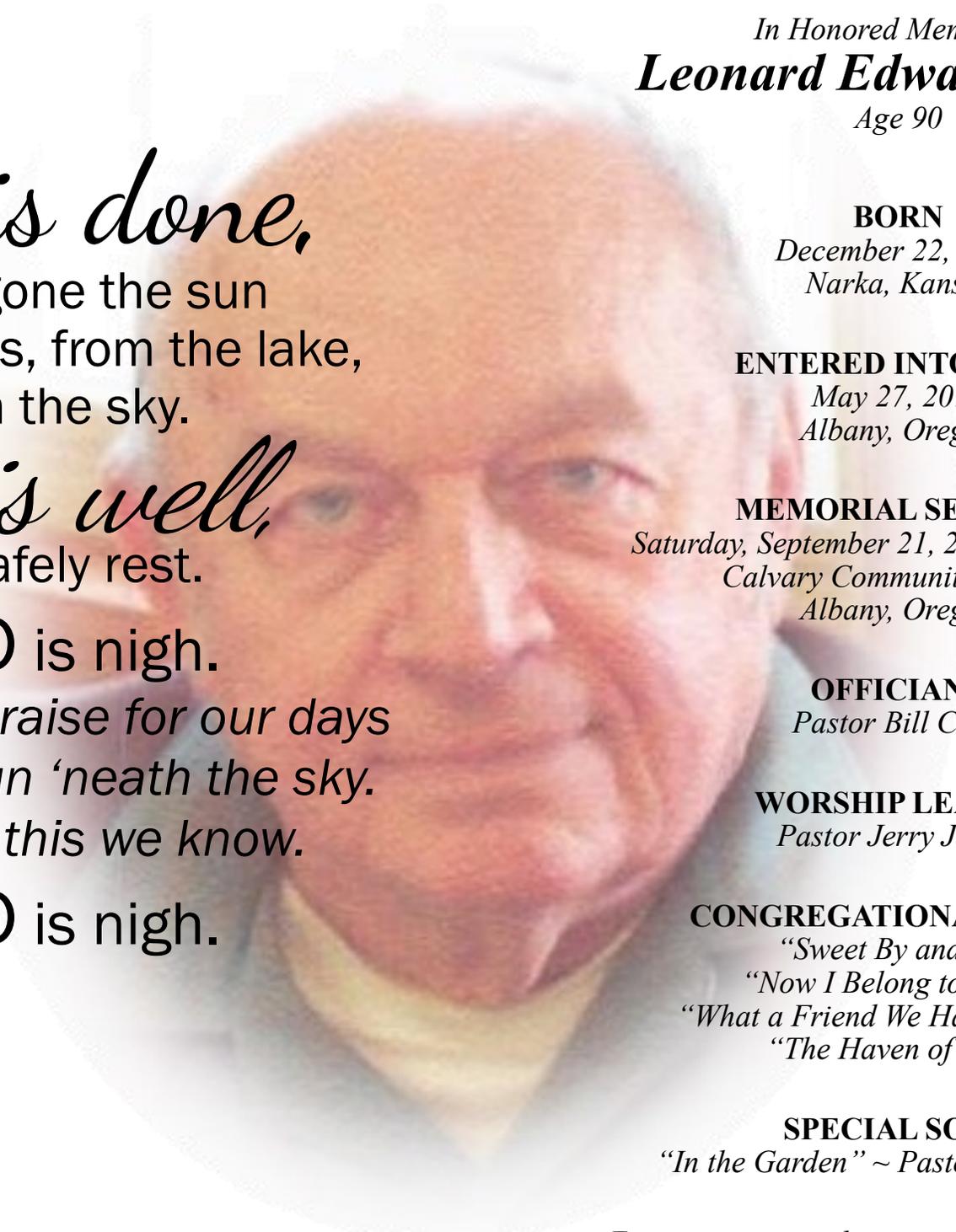
A graveside service will take place in Munden, KS at Tabor Cemetery at a later date.



In Honored Memory of

***Leonard Edward Peters***

1928 ~ 2019

A large, soft-focus portrait of Leonard Edward Peters, an elderly man with white hair, wearing a light-colored shirt and a dark jacket, serves as the background for the entire page.

*In Honored Memory of*  
**Leonard Edward Peters**  
*Age 90*

*Day is done,*  
gone the sun  
From the hills, from the lake,  
From the sky.

*All is well,*  
safely rest.

**GOD** is nigh.  
*Thanks and praise for our days*  
*'neath the sun 'neath the sky.*  
*As we go, this we know.*

**GOD** is nigh.

**BORN**  
*December 22, 1928*  
*Narka, Kansas*

**ENTERED INTO REST**  
*May 27, 2019*  
*Albany, Oregon*

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
*Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.*  
*Calvary Community Church*  
*Albany, Oregon*

**OFFICIANT**  
*Pastor Bill Conn*

**WORSHIP LEADER**  
*Pastor Jerry James*

**CONGREGATIONAL SONGS**  
*"Sweet By and By"*  
*"Now I Belong to Jesus"*  
*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*  
*"The Haven of Rest"*

**SPECIAL SONG**  
*"In the Garden" ~ Pastor Jerry James*

*Everyone is invited to a reception immediately*  
*following the service.*