



## Robert "Bob" Peters

January 2, 1946 - February 25, 2023

Robert "Bob" Peters, 77, of Spirit Lake passed away on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family.

A memorial service for Bob will be held at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 2023, at the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at [www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com](http://www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com)

Bob was born January 2, 1946, in Sibley, Iowa to Johnnie and Jeanette (Oldenkamp) Peters. The family moved to Paullina where Bob graduated from high school when he was 16 years old. By age 19 Bob had graduated from Westmar College with a degree in social work and was employed by the Iowa Department of Human Services. This began a 37-year career with IDHS. By the time he retired, Bob was a Regional Administrator supervising staff and services for one fifth of the state of Iowa.

In 2001, Bob married Jean Pigg Dowhower. Together they fished the lakes of Iowa. Bob loved to tell stories about how Jean could out fish him even though she couldn't bait a hook. In retirement Bob dabbled with jobs as a Disaster Relief Administrator with FEMA, City Administrator of the City of Dakota City, Nebraska, and consultant to the State of Michigan Department of Human Services.

Bob fiercely loved his family, friends, work, and fishing.

Bob is survived by his wife Jean, his children Robb Peters, Alissa Smith

(Mac), Melissa Lubinski (Vic), bonus children Mitch Dowhower (Sheena), Britni Harris (Jason) and Kristal Stewart (Lauren), 18 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, two sisters, Sandra Miller (Jim), Ruth Recker (Steve), brother Ron Peters (Barb), sister-in-law Kathy Peters and many nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, brother David Peters, daughter-in-law Brenda Peters, grandson Blake Robert Peters and granddaughter Brittany Peters.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 2. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Robinson Funeral Home  
2317 32nd Street  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360  
robinson@spiritlekefuneralhome.com  
<http://www.spiritlekefuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

MAR 2. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert "Bob" Peters*



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**Robinson Funeral Home** - February 28, 2023 at 05:26 PM

AJ

*I worked with Bob in the sioux city district office for 30 years*

*I have good memories from working with him.my sympathy to all*

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**ardis johnson** - March 01, 2023 at 03:25 PM

AS

“ Bob was a tough boss, and if he had a question for anyone, he expected answers, and he knew if someone was trying to pull a fast one. I was always honest and direct when responding or approaching him with a concern. I didn't mind his approach because it helped me to be a disciplined employee. Bob backed me during one of the most difficult times of my life. He stood up for me when two individuals attempted to sabotage my credibility. The director of the agency called me because Bob had called him. The director informed me if there were any further concerns with these individuals he would personally handle the situation. Bob helped me to be seen, heard, and supported. The other Director did so as well. I never felt intimidated by Bob, and I knew he respected me as an employee. I thank God for you Bob and may you rest in peace. May God strengthen comfort your beautiful wife, your children, and your entire family. I say this with much respect, you are greatly missed.  
Alma Schmitt!

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**Alma Schmitt** - March 02, 2023 at 01:25 PM

JP

*Alma, thank you for these beautiful memories. I remember Bob talking of you with great respect.*  
Jean

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**Jean Peters** - March 02, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Peters.



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March 01, 2023 at 11:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Peters.*



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March 01, 2023 at 08:59 PM



“ *I worked with Bon for 30 years in the sioux city office Good memories my sympathy to all ar*

*Ardis johnson*

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**Ardis johnson** - March 01, 2023 at 03:51 PM



*I remember Bob talking about you, Ardis. He always spoke so highly of you.*

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**Jean Peters** - March 01, 2023 at 03:55 PM



“ *Britni and Jason Harris and Family. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God Bless You All!*

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**Jim Lybarger, Uncle to Jason Harris.** - March 01, 2023 at 02:28 PM



*Thank you, Jim.*

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**Jean Peters** - March 01, 2023 at 03:56 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Peters.



March 01, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Peters.



March 01, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Peters.



March 01, 2023 at 10:32 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Peters.



February 28, 2023 at 09:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Peters.



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February 28, 2023 at 03:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Peters.



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February 28, 2023 at 12:47 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Peters.



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February 27, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Peters.



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February 27, 2023 at 03:25 PM

LL

“ Bob was such an energetic and fun gentleman! I worked with him on several DHS initiatives over the years and enjoyed him a great deal! He was a good leader and I appreciated him. My condolences to the family!

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**Lori Lipscomb** - February 27, 2023 at 02:20 PM

JP

Thank you. Bob loved his job.

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**Jean Peters** - February 27, 2023 at 06:13 PM

DB

“ Dave and I were so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Many prayers for the whole family



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**Dave and Carla Bjork** - February 27, 2023 at 02:15 PM

JP

Thank you Carla and Dave.

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**Jean Peters** - February 27, 2023 at 06:12 PM

GE

“ I worked for Bob when he was SC Regional Administrator for DHS and I was a DHS supervisor in Woodbury County. When the DHS was laying off supervisors in my position around the state, Bob could have layed me off, too, but he never did. I have always been grateful to him though I have never understood why he didn't. Though sometimes difficult, Bob could also be lots of fun to work with. I am saddened by his death. Glenda Long Eggerling

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**Glenda Long Eggerling** - February 27, 2023 at 01:09 PM

JP

*Thank you. Bob loved his job.*

**Jean Peters** - February 27, 2023 at 06:12 PM

RT

“ *Ray And Diane Tucker lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Peters*



**Ray and Diane Tucker** - February 27, 2023 at 12:29 PM

JM

“ *So very sorry to hear of your loss, Jean. Our sympathy goes out to you and your family.*  
*Jane and Bob Meins*

**jane Meins** - February 26, 2023 at 09:51 PM

JP

*Thank you, Jane*

**Jean Peters** - February 27, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Peters.*



February 26, 2023 at 08:20 PM

LN

“ Bob's smile, kind words and a chuckle had me knowing what a great human he was the first time I met him. The Heaven's are lucky to gain him, while we are sad to share. Jean and family - my prayers are with you as you have tears for both the happy and the sad. He's there to wipe them away; that I am sure of. Lynne Norton

Lynne Norton - February 26, 2023 at 11:53 AM

JP

Thank you, Lynn. 🕊️

Jean Peters - February 27, 2023 at 06:11 PM

TS

“ Tiffany, Kelsey, Porter and Auggie Shane purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" Peters.



Tiffany, Kelsey, Porter and Auggie Shane - February 26, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Peters.



February 25, 2023 at 11:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Peters.*



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February 25, 2023 at 08:37 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Peters.*



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February 25, 2023 at 02:02 PM