

# Rev. Harold Peterson

August 8, 1896 - May 2, 1978

Rev. Harold Rudolph, age 81, Thief River Falls, MN on May 2nd. Survived by wife, Mable; daughters, Carole Hirdler, Los Angeles, Mrs. Joe (Theresa) Hernandez, Riverside, CA; sons, David, Palatine, IL, Daniel, South Pasadena, John Milpitas, CA; sister, Magna Peterson, Starbuck, MN; 7 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services Friday, May 5 at 2 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls. Burial service at Indherred Lutheran Church, Starbuck, MN, Saturday, May 6, at 10:30 am. He served as Pastor of Glendorado Lutheran Church, Princeton, MN, Bethlehem of St. Cloud, First Lutheran Church and Long Bridge Lutheran both at Sauk Centre and Trinity Lutheran in Thief River Falls. Also served as Chaplain at Northwestern Hospital in Thief River Falls.



# Mabel (Mae) O. Peterson

September 21, 1902 - April 1, 2004

Mable Olivia Peterson was born to Nicolai and Julia Johnson on September 21, 1902, in Starbuck, Minnesota. She went to be with her Lord on April 1, 2004 in Ventura, California.

Mae taught school in a one-room schoolhouse after graduating from teacher's training, but her greatest gift and pleasure was her musical ability. She was given piano lessons at a very young age and never looked back. She played the piano for silent movies, played the tuba in a ladies band, played the organ in church, and was the piano accompanist for a male quartet.



She married Harold R. Peterson (the bass in that male quartet) on September 1, 1925. They lived in Starbuck, until Harold became a Lutheran pastor in 1942 and they moved to their first parish in Glendorado, Minnesota. Mae served each parish with her music, just as her husband did as the pastor. She was the organist, the choir director, and even the soloist at weddings and funerals. She gave piano lessons wherever she lived.

Trinity Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls, Minnesota was the last parish she served. Along with Harold, she started a Golden Years Club and Mae formed and directed a Golden Years Choir. The choir not only sang for services in their own church, but also performed for other churches and events in the area.

She moved to Ventura, California in 1995 where she has continued to live with her daughter and son-in-law. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Ventura, where she played the piano for hymn sings for her Bible Study class and was active in the Glory Circle. She was a faithful witness of her faith and will be remembered by all those whose lives she touched.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Theresa (Tess) and Joe Hernandez, son and daughter-in-law, David and Eleanor (Ellie) Peterson, son, Daniel Peterson, and son and daughter-in-law, John and Susan Peterson; seven grandchildren: Howard Hirdler, Julie Peterson, Erik Peterson (Christine), Scott Peterson (Sylvia), Jennifer Peterson, Jeff Peterson, and Jessica Peterson; five step-grandchildren: Marie Hernandez, Michael Hernandez, Joseph Hernandez (Renee), Paul Hernandez (Eveline), and Mark Hernandez; eight great-grandchildren, and ten step-great-grandchildren; along with nieces, nephews, cousins, and numerous friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, in 1978, and her daughter, Carole Ann Hirdler, in 1998.