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Peterson, Gerald Evan

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Gerald Evan Peterson, 94, of Tower died Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007, in the Ely Bloomenson Nursing Home.

He was born Jan. 3, 1913, in Breitung Township, the son of Gust and Beatrice (Wahlsten) Peterson; and was a 1931 graduate of Tower-Soudan High School.

Gerald served with the 96th Infantry "Deadeyes" during World War II in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

He married Anna Sivia Salmela on June 14, 1947, and was a lifelong resident of Tower. He was employed by U.S. Steel in the Soudan mine and the Pioneer mine, did maintenance for the Soudan State Park, worked for the City of Tower Public Works, Lennartson Lumber, ran a logging and trucking company, and drove for Standard Motor Company. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower, the Nelson-Jackson American Legion Post 245 in Tower, served with the Tower Volunteer Fire Department, was a member of the Vermilion Range Old Settlers, the Northwoods Senior Citizens, the Area Miner's Association, the Steelworkers Union, and the Babbitt VFW Post 1539. He enjoyed cutting firewood and caring for the family pets, loved to visit with friends and relatives, and was an avid Twins and Vikings Fan.

Gerald is survived by his wife of 60 years, Sivia; children, John (Carol) Peterson of Coleraine, Gail Peterson of Chicago and Charles (Wanda) Peterson of Odessa, Texas; brothers, Cyril and Dale; sister, Edna Herden; grandchildren, Erin, Derek, Zachary and Jeremy; special friends, Don and Adrienne Micklich; and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Lucille Bell.