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## Leroy L. Peters

Leroy Lynn Peters, of Wamego, KS, died Sunday, July 23, 2006, at the Wamego City Hospital after an extended illness. Peters was born on June 21, 1931, to Lester L. and Mildred (Wade) Peters in Deerfield, MO. He attended Walnut, MO, schools and graduated from Walnut High School in 1949. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during the Korean War. On May 23, 1954, he married Barbara Jane Clark in Walnut.

He earned a B.S. degree in biological science in 1955 and an M.S. degree in entomology in 1956, both from Kansas State University. In 1971, he earned his Ph.D. in entomology from the University of Missouri–Columbia. His dissertation topic was “Influence of Corn Amylase on Angoumois Grain Moth Biology”.

Peters worked as a survey entomologist for the state of Kansas (1958–1964) and was employed as an instructor and assistant professor of entomology at the University of Missouri–Columbia

(1964–1971). From 1972 to 1991, he served as associate professor and then professor of entomology at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln’s South Central Research and Extension Center, near Clay Center. His research and extension responsibilities emphasized management of field crop insects. Peters’ programming efforts included management of chinch bugs and greenbugs on grain sorghum, corn rootworms, and stored grain insects.

Peters was a member of the Entomological Society of America, Wamego United Methodist Church, Photographic Society of America, and American Legion Harold Johnson Post 172 of Wamego. He was also a long-time member of the Chorus of the Plains in Hastings, NE.

Dr. Peters was an accomplished photographer and gardener. He taught his children the art of photography. He and his wife, Bobbie, drove to all 48 of the continental states, visited, and photographed each state capitol. They also traveled to Hawaii, visited that state’s capitol, and loved every minute of it.

In addition to his wife, Bobbie, survivors include two sons: Clark Peters of Manhattan, KS, and Lindsey Peters of Lincoln, NE; one daughter, Rebecca Ryan of Wamego; and seven grandchildren.

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