

Royce Peterson

Hixton, WI

Royce Peterson, 80, passed away Monday, February 23, 2015, at Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center, La Crosse, WI. He was born May 22, 1934, to Edwin and Hazel (Johnson) Peterson in the Town of Franklin, Jackson County, Wisconsin.

Royce grew up in the Town of Franklin and was a 1952 graduate of Melrose High School. In 1954, he enlisted in the United States Army until his discharge in 1956. Following the Army, Royce returned to the Town of Franklin area, before moving to Hixton to live with his twin brother, Royal.

He worked for Omer Simonson driving logging trucks for a few years, in 1961 he started with Madison Silos from Winona, MN, for 15 years, then drove Ready Mix trucks, before starting at Fort McCoy for 20 years, where he retired.

Royce enjoyed going to coffee, visiting with people, tractor pulls, attending high school basketball games, gardening, and working outside. He was a member of Upper Beaver Creek Lutheran Church and was sexton of the church cemetery for many years.

Royce is survived by his brother, Royal; nieces and nephews, Edward, Aaron (Cheryl), Wayne (Diana) Peterson, Joanne (David) Frahm, Becky (Justin) Baker, and Valerie Peterson; 2 step nephews; several great nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and Hazel; brothers, Vernon, Marls "Mike", Roger and Ammet.

Funeral services will be held Monday, March 2, 2015, 11:00 a.m., at Upper Beaver Creek Lutheran Church, Town of Franklin, rural Taylor, WI. Reverend Benjamin Ahles-Iverson will be officiating. Burial, with military honors, will follow in the church cemetery.

Family and friends are invited for visitation Sunday, March 1, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., at Jensen-Modjeski Funeral Home, Hixton.

Family and friends are also invited for visitation Monday, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service at the church.

Jensen-Modjeski Funeral Home of Hixton is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences are available at [www.jensenmodjeskifuneralhome.com](http://www.jensenmodjeskifuneralhome.com).