



## Fred Peister

February 9, 1910 - September 10, 2012

Fred Peister, 102, of Kearney died Monday, September 10, 2012 at Mt. Carmel Home Keens Memorial. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 AM, Thursday, September 13 at First United Methodist with Rev. Gary Main officiating. Interment will be in the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before the service at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church. Online condolences or personal reflections may be submitted at [osrfh.com](http://osrfh.com). O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home of Kearney is in charge of arrangements. Fred was born February 9, 1910 in Merkel, Russia to Jacob and Katherine (Pister) Peister. His father was an army guard on the Russian border. They escaped Russia by his father taking the family across the border and then burning his uniform. When Fred was older, he was afraid every time a stranger came into the yard that they were there to take his dad away. On October 3, 1912, his parents and their children and paternal grandfather boarded the S.S. Rhen from Brenne, Russia, arriving at the port of Philadelphia on October 5, 1912. The family moved to Fort Collins, CO, where Fred worked on his uncle's farm. He also lived in Belle Fourche, SD, Gering, Lexington and Lincoln before moving to Kearney. While living in Lexington, he met Ila Luckinbill, whom he married on November 18, 1934. To this union two children were born, Jacquie and Craig. Fred took a mechanic's course and from there he started working on cars and doing body and fender work. In Lincoln, he worked at DuTeau Chevrolet. He was a foreman at the Ammunition Depot in Hastings. After moving to Kearney, he and Bob

Degenhardt opened the Auto Hospital. Fred operated the business and also farmed south of Kearney. He retired from the body shop in 1975. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Kearney Lions Club and the Eagles Club. He is survived by his son, Craig and wife, Betty Jo of Kearney; daughter, Jacquie Harsin and husband, Dale of Alma; grandchildren, Cameron Peister and wife, Lana of Kearney, Kaysi Peister of Omaha, Darren Harsin and wife, Sue of Blair, Brent Harsin and wife Regan of Syracuse, and Stephanie Pilus and husband, Joe of Omaha; 10 great-grandchildren; brother, George of Minden; sisters, Elizabeth Peister, of Denver, CO and Lydia Hubach of Fremont, CA. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ila; 2 brothers; and 3 sisters.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fred Peister*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *What a glorious day it must have been in heaven on Sept. 10 as you and your beloved Ila were reunited! There aren't many people who touch our lives the way you two have touched mine. You were the sweetest couple and so very loving, not only to each other, but to everyone. What marvelous role models you were for all of us! Thanks for sharing some of your fishing stories with Joel and me, Uncle Fred. It was so fun to see you light up and share those memories! You were always so cheerful and welcoming to us whenever we were able to stop in for a visit. I certainly look forward to seeing you and Aunt Ila in heaven! To Craig and Jacquie and families...we send you our love and deepest sympathies. Your loss, we know, is tremendous. We'll keep you in our prayers. Love, Jarilyn and Joel*

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**Jarilyn Kolterman, Niece** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM



“ *Relatives sent us the obituary of your father, Jacquie. So sorry - but know he has not been well for a long, long time. You have our sympathy. It appears he led a very interesting, long, well lived life. Know, even tho we know that death is inevitable - it's still difficult when it happens. Our prayers and thoughts are with you!!!*

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**Stan and Lucille Lahm** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

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“ Uncle Fred and Aunt Ila were the best hosts. They always made me feel special. I remember being treated to coffee and dessert on lunch sets in their dining room. I even bought two different styles of "lunch set" dishes in their honor so I could carry on the tradition. We are truly losing the Greatest Generation of Americans. I love you Uncle Fred.

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**Mary Heuchert, niece** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

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“ I will never forget how loving Uncle Fred was to us. He had a way of making you feel special. Perhaps that was because he was very special. A man of great personal strength and courage, integrity, loyalty and love. We will all be together again one day. I see him smiling and feel his peace. I love you Uncle Fred.

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**Tricia Luse, Niece** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

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“ I have fond memories of Fred and Ila at the lodge. He was one of the best people I have met in my 30 years living and working in Kearney.

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**Claire Longly** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

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“ Missing my best neighbor ever.

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**Steve Engen** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM