



Rodney Alen Petersen

September 24, 1957 - June 1, 2025

Rodney Alen Petersen, age 67, of Holstein, Iowa, formerly of Alta, passed away peacefully on June 1, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Funeral services will take place Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alta. Burial will be in the Scandinavian Cemetery in Alta. Visitation will take place Wednesday, June 4, 2025 from 6-8:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in ALTA. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

Rod was born on September 24, 1957, to Floyd and Mary Petersen. He graduated from Alta High School in 1975 and went on to live a life full of love, laughter, and meaningful moments. On March 6, 1976, he married the love of his life, Linda. Together they shared 49 wonderful years of marriage and built a strong, close-knit family, raising three children: Melissa, Joshua, and Becky.

After high school, Rodney started his career at Hygrade and went on to work at John Morrell, Farmland, Tyson, Seaboard Triumph Foods, and ZFI. He was known for his strong work ethic and dedication throughout his many years in the meat processing industry.

Rod was proud of his eight grandchildren: Nathan and Brooke Reiling; Matthew, Cole, and Reeve Langner; and Erika, Brett, and Brendon Petersen.

He loved being a grandpa and attending their various activities.

A passionate golfer, Rod proudly served on the golf board in Alta. He loved traveling—especially trips to the Wisconsin Dells and the Ozarks—discovering new restaurants, and smoking meats on his smoker. Rod was always willing to strike up a conversation, especially with a whiskey and Coke in hand.

Rod and Linda shared countless joyful experiences, including their love for their Yorkshire terriers: Maggie, Brutus, Tipper, Dusty, Harvey, and Stella. They especially enjoyed traveling to casinos together to test their luck and enjoy each other's company.

Rod was also a dedicated sports fan who loved cheering on the Green Bay Packers and the Iowa Hawkeyes, and he was a longtime member of the chain gang for Alta High School football.

Rod is survived by his wife, Linda; daughters Melissa (Brian) and Becky (Jeremy); daughter-in-law Tonya Hinnens; his eight grandchildren; his sister, Pat Rimmer; and brothers- and sisters-in-law David and Audrey Gustafson and Ervin and Runae Brake; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Joshua; his parents, Floyd and Mary Petersen; his in-laws, Rune and Shirley Gustafson; his brother, Frankie; and his brother-in-law, Ivan Rimmer.

Rod will be remembered for his kind heart, big smile, and deep love for his family. His legacy will live on in the many lives he touched.

Cemetery Details

Scandinavian Cemetery

5753 50th Ave
Alta, IA 51002

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Alta
301 Alta Vista Street
Alta, IA 51002
(712) 284-2141
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Funeral Service

JUN 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church -- Alta
401 West 2nd Street
Alta, IA 51002

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rodney Alen Petersen*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 04, 2025 at 11:09 AM

DW

“ *I liked working with Rod great guy. Rod will be missed.*



David Wilhelm - June 04, 2025 at 05:47 PM

RG

“ *My condolences! Worked with him at Farmland, such a great person. The memories of plant conversations and challenges. :) I will spare the public audience of all the details that can only be understood by a fellow plant/harvest person.*



Rhonda Grimm - June 04, 2025 at 12:33 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 04, 2025 at 11:54 AM

TJ

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Rod Petersen!

Tracy Johnson - June 03, 2025 at 11:23 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodney Alen Petersen.



June 03, 2025 at 11:03 PM

VC

“ Velita cox lit a candle in memory of Rodney Petersen



Velita cox - June 03, 2025 at 10:49 PM

BG

“ He was my first friend who lived in town. I remember getting kicked out of school for fighting in study hall. Then like instantly we made friends again...as we were escorted out of the school. He would find these jobs like tearing off a roof a barn..that could earn us some summer spending cash. And one weekend we got spend at a friends house up at Okoboji... I will miss you buddy. Your friend Brian

Brian Grieme - June 03, 2025 at 09:55 PM

RB

“ So sorry for your loss, really enjoyed the years I worked with him at Farmland. Prayers to all the families. Taken way to soon but suffering no more..

Ruthy Burk - June 03, 2025 at 09:48 PM

MV

“ I've known Rod for 60 years. Always considered him a good friend. He had the kindest heart. Now he takes on the role as our guardian angel. He is missed but will never be forgotten. Prayers to Linda & family.

Mark VanHooser - June 03, 2025 at 09:17 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rodney Alen Petersen.



June 03, 2025 at 03:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rodney Alen Petersen.*



June 03, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ *I'm sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. With sympathy,
Tanya Haase*

Tanya Haase - June 03, 2025 at 01:04 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rodney Alen Petersen.*

June 03, 2025 at 12:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rodney Alen Petersen.*



June 03, 2025 at 12:16 PM



“ *I really enjoyed talking with Rod the few times we did. He was a great friend and will be missed by all who knew him. Sorry for your loss Linda and girls. Prayers for family.*

Leon Peterson - June 03, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rodney Alen Petersen.*



June 03, 2025 at 09:07 AM



“ *Deborah Zerfoss lit a candle in memory of Rodney Petersen*



Deborah Zerfoss - June 02, 2025 at 08:01 PM



“ *Love you little brother. You know you were a little pest when you were young, but you grew up to be the best brother a girl could ever ask for. I'll miss you but you will always be in my heart.*

Pat - June 02, 2025 at 06:55 PM



“ *Rod was one of those friends who would drop everything to come help us out! He was one of the best! He will be missed! Prayers to Linda and the girls! 🙏*

Peg Rohlk - June 02, 2025 at 06:42 PM



Sending many hugs and prayers to all... ❤️🙏 pat Mauch

Pat Mauch - June 03, 2025 at 06:53 PM

CD

“ So very sorry Linda for your loss and your family’s loss. I always loved working with Rodney. He was an awesome foreman. Big hugs to you and your family all my sympathy.

Connie Doudy - June 02, 2025 at 05:46 PM