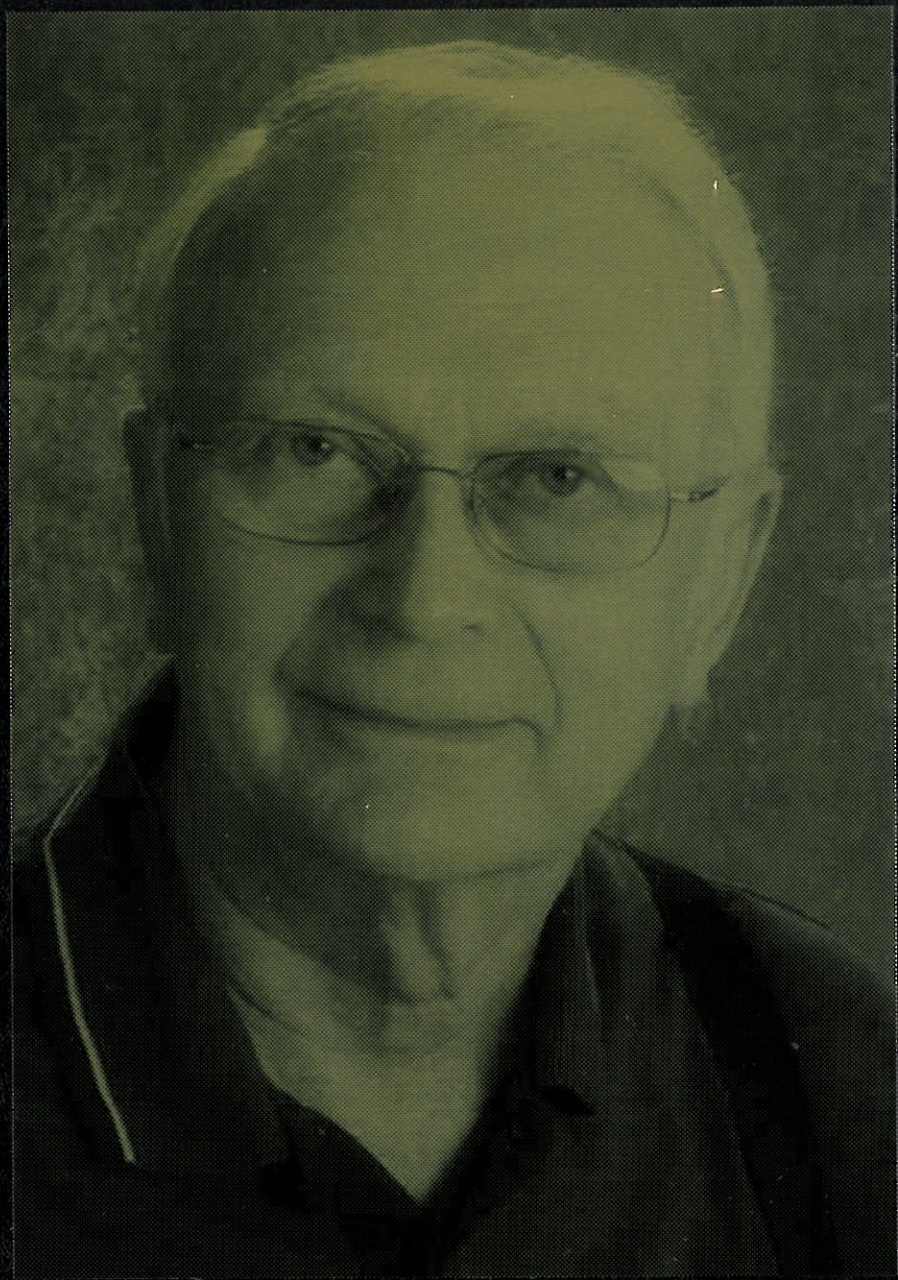


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WALL OF FAME

Inducted June 3, 2012



LARRY PETERS

Born to Arnold and Marguerite Peters, Larry grew up on the family farm near Abrams where the barn had running water before the house did. Larry acquired skills watching a carpenter remodel that farm house. In high school, his mechanical skills came in handy as a member of the Projectionist Club. The club members would set up projectors and thread films for classes to watch.

As a sophomore Larry was picked for Trees for Tomorrow, and was often on the honor role. He was also active in FFA and served as Club Secretary. Living 15 miles from school did not allow for involvement in many after school activities. During high school he was active in his church youth group. Later he served on the church council, handled the custodial duties and cared for the grounds for a couple of years. He continues to work with church projects including bookkeeping.

After high school Larry farmed with his dad for about ten years. After a new church was built, his dad bought the old one. Together they took it down piece by piece. Larry reused the lumber to build a house for his parents. This led to ten years of home building and remodeling. One of his last projects was the Hi-Way Restaurant in Abrams. He said it was the building that made the food taste so good.

For 28 plus years at Abrams Elementary, Larry took pride in keeping the building and grounds looking great. He is always willing to help students and staff including shoveling a path to the teachers' cars on snowy days. He eats lunch with students and quizzes them on math facts at the lunch table and often tutors after school. He sets a good example for the students to follow by working hard and doing his best. He dresses up in costumes for holidays and special dress-up days. He enjoys working with his dedicated co-workers to help mold students into future leaders.

Larry is a life-long learner and self-taught technology "geek." Examples include record keeping on the Abrams water system, creating and maintaining a digital map of the school, operating computerized HVAC controls, and using digital cameras to design fire and tornado safety routes. He is known as a fixer of broken eyeglasses and zippers!

In 1973 Larry and Nancy joined hands in marriage. Those joined hands were a big part of the square dancing they enjoyed for more than a quarter century. Together they have three children, Perry, Eric, and Amy.