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**Funeral Service**  
Stockham Family Funeral Home  
McPherson, Kansas  
Friday, June 14, 2024, at 1:00 PM

**Officiant**  
Pastor Laura Smith

**Special Music**  
"Here I Am Lord"  
"The Lord's Prayer"  
*Recessional: "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"*

**Casket Bearers**  
Michael Johnson ~ Matt Shorb ~ Jim Becker  
Bob McCutchen ~ Gary Grant ~ Larry Wiebert

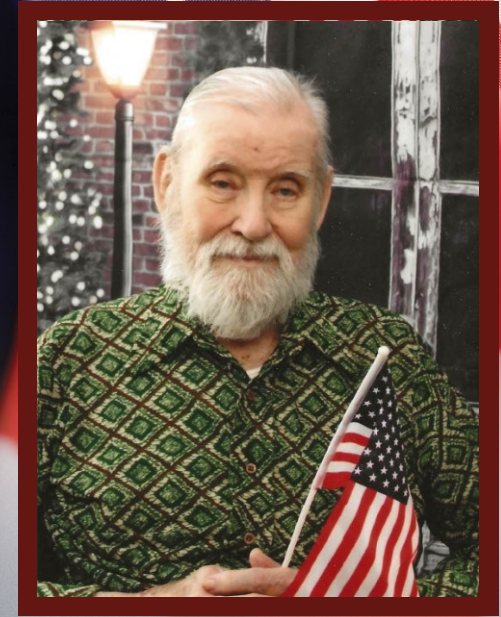
**Final Resting Place**  
McPherson Cemetery  
Military Honors provided by  
V.F.W. Post #2715 and American Legion Post #24  
"Taps" by Mark Casebeer, trumpet

**Memorial Donations**  
The family suggests memorial donations be made to McPherson VFW #2715 in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

**Appreciation & Reception**  
Emil's family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for your prayers and kindness, evidenced in thought and deed, and for your presence at this service.

Following the graveside service, the family invites all to join them for a reception at Trinity Lutheran Church.

*Stockham Family Funeral Home*



*In Loving Memory*  
**Emil Peterson, Jr.**  
June 11, 1927 - May 31, 2024

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*A Celebration of Life*  
*Emil Peterson, Jr.*

Emil Peterson, Jr., also known as “Bud” or “Pete”, 96, of Papillion, NE and formerly of McPherson, KS, passed away on Friday, May 31, 2024, at the Brookstone of Papillion. He was a retired truck driver and had worked for over 39 years at Farmland Industries, where he logged over 1.25 million accident-free miles.

He was born June 11, 1927, in McPherson, KS, the son of Emil E. and Effie V. (Lundberg) Peterson. He was a graduate of McPherson High School.

On Aug. 28, 1948, he was united in marriage to Tilly H. Wegener in Hanau, Germany. This union was blessed with two children, Marilyn and Norman. Emil and Tilly were married for 71 years prior to Tilly’s passing on May 30, 2020.

Emil proudly served his country in the U.S. Army Air Corps and U.S. Air Force during World War II. A highlight of his military service was taking part in the Berlin Airlift in June of 1948. He was a life member of VFW Post #2715 and was part of the military honors team, providing burial honors to countless deceased veterans. Emil was also a Past Commander of the VFW post. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, McPherson.

In his spare time, Emil enjoyed fishing and playing cards.

Survivors include: a daughter, Marilyn Wieseler (Bob) of Sidney, IA; a daughter-in-law, Joan Peterson of Hidden Springs, ID; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Norman, and a sister, Violet Cobb.

