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O.R. "Swede" Peterson, son of Otto Alexander and Mary Eckberg Peterson, was born December 6, 1905, in Callender, Iowa. He was raised in Ft. Dodge and later in the Alexandria and Villard, Minn. area. He received his education in the Villard School District. He moved to Grinnell in 1929, and was employed with Swift and Company and later with the Grinnell Washing Machine Company. He was married to Cora Belle Jewel on July

26, 1931, in Montezuma and the couple continued to make their home in Grinnell. He began his career with the Maytag Company in 1938, where he worked as a machine operator until his retirement in 1967. He had been a resident of St. Francis Manor in Grinnell since May 28, 1996. Swede was a member of the Grinnell Eagles Lodge and the United Auto Workers #997. He held a passion for collecting wheat pennies and was a fan of both baseball and wrestling.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Cora; one son, Earl "Tony" Peterson; four brothers, Gordon, Charles, Edward, and Arthur Peterson; and five sisters, Irene Mars, Ann Eckman, Elna See, Mabel Anderson and Gladys Peterson.

Swede is survived by his children, Beverly Anderson of Grinnell and Russell Peterson of Newton; one brother, Kenneth Peterson of Osakis, Minn.; one sister, Phyllis Anderson of Alexandria, Minn.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the O.R. "Swede" Peterson Memorial Fund. MR

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