

Peter B. Paetkau  
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### **PETER B. PAETKAU**

Peter Paetkau passed away suddenly at his residence in Winnipeg on Thursday August 18, 2011.

Peter was born to Abram and Lena (Schmidt) Paetkau on March 29, 1940. He received Christ at the Mennonite Brethren Church's Rival Meeting at the age of 12 years in the Cannon School District. He was baptized in the Lowe Farm Bergthaler Church in his early 20's.

He farmed with his father near Sperling. In 1967 he married Mary Anne Dyck, and they had five children. They separated in 1988. Peter then left the farm and moved to Winnipeg, where he operated a small business.

Reading Mennonite history, poetry, and genealogy were some of Peter's passions. He was a free-lance writer, and he also spoke often in churches. He also loved to spend time at the Manitoba Archives.

In passing, he leaves to mourn his sisters Judy and Johanna, as well as five children. Peter was predeceased by his parents Abram and Lena, as well as his nephew Jody.

A graveside service was held at the Lowe Farm Cemetery on Tuesday August 23, with Pastor Art Hiebert and Pastor Calvert Layne presiding.