Henry and Christine attended the North Star 4-H Club with their children. The children went to the North Star Country School in Crookston Township.

In the fall of 1950 Henry had a stroke and was bed-ridden for four years. Christine nursed him at home, and managed the farm.

Henry passed away on May 2, 1954 at the age of 75. Christine remained on the farm and continued to farm the rest of her years. Christine celebrated her last birthday July 4, 1975 at a picnic in the park with her family. She passed away July 17, 1975 at her home at the age of 79. At that time she was still caring for her animals: seven cattle, sixty-four sheep, some geese and forty-two chickens.

Christine has thirty-two grandchildren and eighteen great, grandchildren.

VERLE PETERSON

Verle Peterson lives in Section 27 of Crookston Township. He was born in Grand Forks, North Dakota on June 16, 1938, and lived with his parents, Vincent and Gladys Peterson, in Section 12, Bygland Township, four miles west of Fisher. His parents were members of the Bygland Lutheran Church and Verle was baptized there in July, 1938. In 1939 the family moved to Section 1 of Fisher Township, Verle entered the Fisher School in 1944 and was graduated from High School in 1956. In high school he was on the basketball team, was a member of F.F.A., chorus, and band where he played trumpet; was a Boys' Stater and a 4-H member. After high school graduation he attended the University of North Dakota for one year, then transferred to the University of Minnesota. From there he graduated in 1960 with distinction, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Economics. While serving for six years in the Air National Guard, he became a full-time farmer with his brother Ronald. In 1969 he moved to Crookston Township where he lives now. His farming operation consists of a herd of beef cows, and the raising of sugar beets and small grains. He is a member of Fisher Lutheran Church where he attended Sunday School, was confirmed, graduated from the Senior Bible Department. He sings in the choir and is presently President of Fisher Lutheran Congregation.

DANIS AND CECILIA PLANTE

Vincent and Gladys (Strande) Peterson live with their son Verle in Section 27, Crookston Township. One other son, Ronald, his wife, Jean (Amiot) and daughters Brenda, Carol, Annette and Mary live in Section 1, Fisher Township.

Vincent is the son of Swan August and Amanda (Gustafson) Peterson and was born in Lynn Center, Illinois on June 24, 1903. He came to Fisher with his family in 1917 and settled on a farm in Section 13, Bygland Township where they raised small grain and potatoes besides milk cows, and poultry. The children attended a rural school in District #22 near the Elmer Thompson farm. After completing 8th grade, Vincent remained at home assisting with farm work with the exception of the winter of 1921-22 which he spent working in a lumber camp at Effie, Minnesota.

Vincent was active in the Bygland Lutheran Church where he participated in the Luther League and sang in the choir. He also sang with some of the other men in the district and the Northern Dakota men, a group of men from throughout the county who sang for the Winter Shows and other events. Bygland and Fisher confirmation classes, of which Vincent was a member, were confirmed together in the Fisher Lutheran Church in 1920. Due to heavy rains the river was a half mile wide at the Fisher bridge. So all the people west of Fisher had to be transported across the swollen river by boat to their confirmation service.

Gladys is the daughter of Osear and Julia (Knutson) Strande and was born in 1909 on a farm near Arnegard, North Dakota where her parents had gone to file claim on a homestead. There Gladys attended a "little red schoolhouse" one and one-half miles from home, either walking, or in winter using skis. There were prairie dogs that would sit up on their hind legs and bark as one walked along. After dark, coyotes howled, sometimes very close by. Even in daylight hours, if a hen strayed away from the buildings it might get snatched up. The living house was made of wood, but the barn and other out-buildings were made of sod.

A rural Lutheran Church was soon organized which first held services in the homes or in the schoolhouse. Later a church was built one mile away where Gladys and the family went to church and Sunday School. Though the furnishings were meager, there was a reed organ which Gladys often played for church services. Fuel used in the home was mostly lignite dug out of the hills, and the only fruit was wild plums and buffalo berries that grew along the Little Missouri River.

There was a very dry period in North Dakota, and it became increasingly difficult to eke out a living, so in the spring of 1920 the family moved back to Minnesota to a farm northwest of Fisher. Gladys entered the Fisher School in the sixth grade with Ruth Rhinehart the teacher and John Haugen the Superintendent. She was confirmed in Fisher Lutheran Church in 1924 by Reverend O. M. Stensgaard, and was graduated from Fisher High School in 1926. The next school year, she attended the one-year Teacher-training Department in Crookston and taught for six years in the rural schools in Polk County. In 1933 she and Vincent were married by the Reverend Hallvard Lie at her parents home north of Fisher. They moved to a farm west of Fisher in Section Twelve, Bygland Township where they lived until 1939 when they moved to a farm in Section 1, Fisher Township. The sons, Verle and Ronald grew up there and attended the Fisher School. There they lived until 1969 when they moved to their present location in Crookston Township.

Vincent and Gladys are members of Fisher Lutheran Church where both have sung in the choir and held some offices in the church and the ALCW. Gladys was church organist from 1955 to 1972 and taught Sunday School and Release time classes. Vincent has been retired from active farming since 1968.