

Dennis T. Peters Dies; Realtor for 65 Years

Dennis T. (Denny) Peters, 84, of 1827 Fifth Ave., prominent Youngstown area realtor for over 65 years, died of infirmities at 6 p.m. Monday at his residence, following a six-week illness.

Mr. Peters was born Feb. 9, 1891, in Niles, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Peters, and after attending grade school and Brown's Business College, he completed a correspondence course in real estate sales to become one of the area's most knowledgeable and industrious developers and realtors.

His ventures included development of the Forest Lawn Cemetery, which in a recent newspaper interview he recounted as an "accidental development." Mr. Peters explained he and a partner had purchased the 200-acre Bonnell farm and had invested over \$15,000 in maps as a housing area development when the depression hit.

Took Bankbooks

"We could not give lots away," he was quoted as saying, adding it was later suggested the home lots be divided

organization from 1935 to 1937, and in 1912 had been nominated for the state "Realtor of the Year," losing to John Galbreath, a national leader in investment and real estate development.

Active in Groups

In 1935 he was named vice president of the Ohio Association of Real Estate Boards and in 1938 became a member of the executive committee of the Ohio Real Estate Association.

Mr. Peters was a member of St. Edward Church and its Mission Club and had served as a trustee for Forest Lawn Cemetery. He also was a life member of the Elks Club and the local real estate board.

His wife, the former Madelon Fuscoe, whom he married in 1915, died Feb. 25, 1973.

He leaves a son, John D., of Pittsburgh, three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in the church. Friends may call this evening and Wednesday afternoon and evening at the McVean & Hughes Funeral Home.

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Andrew DiMenno Rites Thursday; Bowler, Skater

Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Ross Brothers Funeral Home and a 10 a.m. in St. Luke Church for Andrew DiMenno, 80, of 463 New England Blvd., well-known area bowler, who died at 6:11 a.m. Monday in South Side

gested the home lots be divided into cemetery plots. The lots began selling at \$100 each, but with no money in circulation, bankbooks were used for cash. Mr. Peters recalled that if the banks here had not reopened he would have lost a large amount of money in the venture.

Mr. Peters career as a realtor involved him with many of the area's largest land transactions, including sale of the Warner Theater, Social Security Building and the Erie Terminal Building.

He also sold the Leon Beeghly farm at Starrs Corners to a Cleveland firm for an estimated \$250,000, and was a principal in the recent sale of property now occupied by the downtown City Center One which was once owned by him.

Formed Mortgage Company

In 1921 Mr. Peters joined several others to establish a million-dollar mortgage company. He also was instrumental in development of the Candace Bowland property, along the Niles-Youngstown Road, and the Mann farm on Niles-Cortland Road, which became housing developments and the Residence Park allotments on the city's South Side, made from the Stanton and Henry Baldwin farms.

Although Mr. Peters operated daily from his office in the Mahoning National Bank Building, he also held branch offices in Warren for many years.

In 1972 he was selected "Realtor of the Year" by the Youngstown Area Board of Realtors, an organization he helped establish in 1910. He had served as president of that