Courtland H. Peterson of Boulder died November 1, 2010. He was 80. He was born in Denver on June 28, 1930, the son of Harry J. and Courtney Peterson. He grew up on a cattle ranch in Park County, CO, where he attended grade school in a one-room, one-teacher school. After two years at East High School in Denver he graduated from Alamosa High School in 1947.

From 1947-1953 he attended college and law school in Boulder at the University Of Colorado, graduating with a BA and an LLB. After a year of law practice in Denver he was called up into the Air Force Reserve and served as an Air Force lawyer, in South Carolina and mostly defending court martial cases. He then spent a year studying International Law at the University of Leiden in the Netherlands. In 1957 he was awarded a fellowship for an advanced comparative law program at the University of Chicago, leading to a Master of Comparative Law degree in 1959 (one year at Chicago, a second at the University of Freiburg in Germany). In 1959 he was appointed to the faculty of the CU Law School, where he remained as a tenured professor until his retirement in 1996. In 1964 he returned to the University of Freiburg in southern Germany, where he completed a doctorate of laws (magna cum laude) in comparative and conflict of laws. He held visiting appointments at UCLA and the University of Texas law schools and a research/teaching appointment for a year at the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Law in Hamburg, Germany. He also taught summer courses for Tulane University and Louisiana State University in Greece and France. He served as dean of the Colorado Law School from 1973-79, and was later appointed Nicholas Doman Professor of International Law. He was active in faculty governance at the University, serving on numerous major committees of the University and the Law School, also as president of the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors, as first Chair of the University Faculty Senate from 1988 until 1991. He chaired a Commission appointed by Presidents Gee and Baughn to draft a new Faculty Constitution for the University.

He served for twelve years as national treasurer of the American Society of Comparative Law, and later as Honorary President of the Society. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Society for many years. After his retirement he continued to do consulting and expert witness work for Denver law firms, mostly on international litigation problems. His professional life was always centered around the CU Law School, and during his thirty-eight years of service on the law faculty he received a number of honors from the University, including the Robert L. Stearns Award, the Knous Award from the law alumni, and a distinguished service award for legal education. His hobbies were golf, gardening, fly fishing, and woodcarving.

In 1966 he married Susan Schwab Gisvold, who was teaching at the CU College of Music when they met. He is survived by his wife, Sue, of Boulder, a son Patrick of Portland, Oregon, two daughters, Linda Dean of Boulder and Brooke Jackson of Mill Valley, CA. Six grandchildren, Ben Dean of Sacramento, CA, Karly Planche of Denver, Barbara McLachlan of Boulder, William, Emilie, Claire of Portland, OR. Four Great-Grandchildren, Rachel and Andrew Dean in Sacramento, CA, Ayden and Kyson Planche of Denver. Half-brother, Glen, of Denver. His parents and a brother and a half-brother preceded him in death.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 am, Sat. Nov. 20th at Atonement Lutheran Church, 685 Inca Pkwy., (Inca & Baseline) Boulder. A reception will follow the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to The University of Colorado Foundation in honor of Court Peterson, CU Law School, 4740 Walnut St., Boulder, CO 80301 or Atonement Lutheran Church, 685 Inca Parkway, Boulder, CO 80303.