



## Harold "Pete" Peterson

January 31, 1939 - May 1, 2022

Harold John Peterson Jr., known as "Pete", age 83, passed away May 1, 2022, from complications of cardiac surgery. Pete was born on January 31, 1939, in Northville, MI. He was the only child of Harold and Helen Peterson. He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his loving wife, Ramona Tuisku Peterson; daughters Anna Hansen and Krista (Randy) Miller; grandchildren Ashley (Dan) Stoeberl, Cole (Ashley) Hansen, and Alex Miller; great-grandchildren Peter and Erik Stoeberl and Hannah Hansen; brother-in-law Richard Tuisku (Judy Brewer); sisters-in-law, Sheila Buswell and Brenda Dorvinen; cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Pete graduated from Lake Linden High School in 1956. He attended Michigan Technical University for two years and afterward served in the US Army. Pete and Ramona were married on August 27, 1960, in Atlantic Mine, MI. They moved to Minneapolis, MN, and raised their daughters in Coon Rapids. They spent forty-one years in MN. Pete worked in the fields of metallurgy, industrial chemical analysis, naval defense electrical assembly, and public transportation.

Pete was an avid fisherman, hunter, reader, and musician. In his teen years, Pete learned to play the guitar. While serving in the Army in CO, country music grabbed a hold of him. He performed in his own Country & Western bands for nearly 50 years in MN and MI and volunteered his musical talents.

His long-running band was "Pete and the Panhandlers". He was lead guitarist and singer and was committed to entertaining a crowd. He continued to play gigs, jams, and recorded his music. Pete sang and played guitar daily which will be greatly missed!

In 2001 Pete and Ramona retired to the UP in Jacobsville, MI, at Pete's childhood farm home where Pete enjoyed hunting, fishing in Lake Superior, and playing music. They had twenty great years there. In the summer of 2021, they moved back to MN to be near family. Pete and Mona wintered in TX for a few years and Pete enjoyed the warmth, playing his country music and fishing in the ocean.

Pete was a union steward during his working years and was a member of the American Legion for many years. He was a Worthy Past President of the Eagles Aerie 1122 of South Range, MI, and served as President of the Jacobsville Cemetery Association.

Over the years Pete had many cars, trucks, boats, motors, trailers, hats, and guitars and was great at bartering and trading equipment. He played hockey and softball and enjoyed sports and history. He was a lover of animals and befriended anyone's dogs or cats as his "buddies". Growing up he always had pets and as an adult had two beloved dogs, Tippy and Candy. He was often outdoors feeding the deer and his birds. Pete had a big heart and enjoyed lending a hand to friends, neighbors, and family. Pete was a real jokester, an entertainer and was always on the go! He would drive any distance for family, friends, or a music job. He had a silly sense of humor and had the gift of gab. He was an ingenious mechanical troubleshooter, always tinkering with something, and highly creative. His genuine and unique personality will never be forgotten.

Memorial Service is Thursday, May 12th, at Washburn McReavy Funeral

Home in Coon Rapids at 10:00am visitation, 11:00am service, luncheon to follow at VFW next door.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Heart Association, The Humane Society, or any other charity of your choosing.

A Celebration of Life and Burial will be held in Jacobsville, MI on July 6th. More details to follow.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel  
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

## Chapel Service

MAY 12. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Coon Rapids, MN 55433

# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Chapel Service for Harold John Peterson Jr in memory of Harold "Pete" Peterson



Washburn-McReavy - May 09, 2022 at 12:53 PM

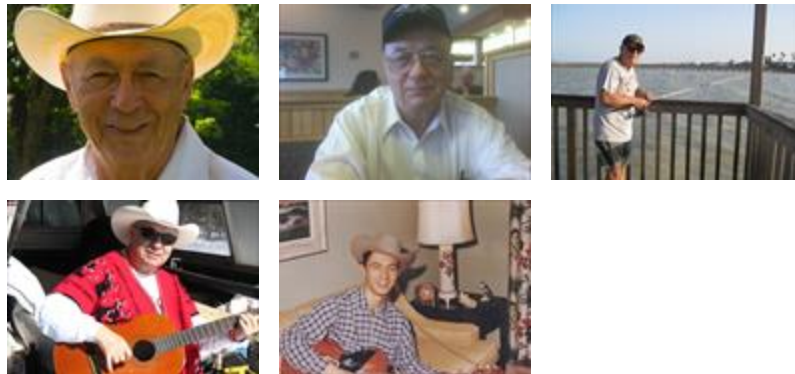
CP

“ Loved to hear him sing and laugh when he was telling a joke. Will miss him lots. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Love Carole olson and Cathy perkins

cathy perkins - May 12, 2022 at 12:33 PM

KM

“ 10 files added to the album Picture memories of Pete



Krista Miller - May 11, 2022 at 11:23 PM

DP

“ So sorry to find out that Pete has left us. He was one of the kindest people I have met in my life. Pete was a pal that I looked forward to seeing when we came to our place in Jacobsville. He touched the heart of everyone in our family. He gave me his stove that he didn't use any more and helped me get it in my place and the old one out-no small chore but good old Pete figured an easy way for the 2 of us to move a 400 pound behemoth. Just one of the many things he helped me out with. Pete and Mona came over for our granddaughter Angelica's birthday with guitar in hand and sang her happy birthday-she still talks about it today! When my brother-in-law Mike and I came up to fish every May, Pete would always come by at 8:30am for coffee and a great BS session. He was so prompt we called 8:15 "quarter to Pete". Sometimes he'd fish with us on my boat and sometimes we'd fish on his and we always had fun learned a little more about the most beautiful place on earth, Jacobsville, Michigan. When the family came up in August he would always spend time with us and my wife Anita and the rest of the family got to know and love him. Thank you Mona for sharing him with us! Pete, you will always have a special place in the hearts of my family, especially mine. Rest in piece my friend.



Dave Powell

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Dave Powell - May 06, 2022 at 09:54 PM

DP

Oops! Rest in PEACE my friend! Pete would love this

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Dave Powell - May 06, 2022 at 11:08 PM

NS

“ Hi Mona...Nina and Joel here,  
We are saddened by the news of Pete's passing, yet we are blessed to have known him and you for the past 7 years! You two were the first to welcome Joel and I to the neighborhood (Jacobsville) and you made us feel welcome and wanted there! We have fond memories of our dinners together at Carmelita's Mexican restaurant and the time we went to the White House to watch Pete play his "gig". Pete would stop by the house and spend time with our doggies, Baby, BooBoo and Rambo. I could see that he really enjoyed that! Anytime we had a question about the history of Jacobsville, we always knew Pete would have the answer! We counted on him a lot. Words can not express how deeply he will be missed...Take care Mona, and know that you and Pete are always in our hearts and in our prayers. Love, Nina and Joel

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**Nina Smith** - May 05, 2022 at 05:54 PM

LJ

I am blessed to have known Pete and you. Pete was a great influence in my music and guitar playing for the little time have known him. I remember the first time I met Pete on stage at a jam session in Texas. he looked at me and said this isn't the first time you did this is it. I enjoyed all the music exchange and coaching he gave me. And the dinners we enjoyed together and especially the ones you prepared. You both were very kind to me after the lose of my spouse. Briscoe my pup will miss him also God bless you and your family from mine at this time of great lose. God has a great preformer now. Love you both.  
Leon.

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**Leon Wright jr** - May 07, 2022 at 04:45 AM