



Arlene Mae Petersen

January 24, 1929 - November 2, 2017

Arlene Mae Petersen, 88, of Kingsford, formerly of Pembine, died Thurs. Nov. 2, 2017 at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay.

Born on January 24, 1929 in Amberg, Arlene was the only daughter of the late Wilbur and Ida (Duca) Bolander.

A graduate of Pembine High School, she worked as a waitress and office assistant prior to taking a job at the Niagara Paper Mill. She worked there for 30 years, and took pride in being the first woman to work in the water analysis lab and she was also the President of the Office & Professional Employees Union.

Arlene was a mother, grandmother, friend, helper, and fixer. There was no task Arlene couldn't take on; from construction, to operating equipment, to fixing just about anything. She was a "Jill of all trades" and rarely sat still. When she retired, she became an EMT and served on the Pembine Rescue Squad for about 20 years. For fun she liked to golf, bowl, garden, knit, and sew. She loved to travel, visiting Africa, Sweden, France, and many parts of the United States.

Arlene married Merlin Petersen on April 26, 1946 in Marinette. After 64 years of marriage, he preceded her in death on Aug. 15, 2011.

She is survived by three children Lucille (Bill) Gehling of Lakeside, MT, Irene (Mike) Badini of Iron Mountain, and Harold (Cheryl) Petersen of Buck Lake, Crystal Falls, two brothers Donald (Dianne) Bolander of Ontonagen and James (Sandy) Bolander of Crivitz, seven grandchildren Debbie Williams, Dianne Gehling, Craig (Ivy) Gehling, Shelly Brunner, Trisha Brunner, Tara Petersen, and Aron (Nikki) Petersen, four great grandchildren Kalline, Kaitlin, Bella, and Isaiah, and many nieces and nephews.

Arlene was preceded in death by her granddaughter Kristen Gehling and her brother Leroy Bolander.

Visitation will be Friday from 12 noon-2 pm at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 2 pm at the funeral home. Rev. Douglas Johnson will officiate. Burial will be in the Pembine Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Arlene M. Petersen may be expressed online at ernashfuneralhomes.com .

In lieu of flowers a donation may be made to the Pembine Rescue Squad.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Pembine Cemetery

Highway 141/8
Pembine, WI 54156

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

NOV **10**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

DH

“ YOU WILL BE MISSED, IT WAS FUN GOLFING WITH YOU

DAWN HAHN - November 16, 2017 at 01:52 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Arlene Mae Petersen.



November 06, 2017 at 08:05 AM

CN

“ Arlene only retired a few years ago from the Pembine Rescue Squad and was one of the most faithful/ good EMT's I knew- I enjoyed being her partner many times. I know her spirit will be watching over us. R.I.P. girlfriend. Carol Nushart

Carol Nushart - November 04, 2017 at 08:30 PM

JD

“ Lucille, Harold and Irene, what wonderful memories you have to last a lifetime and beyond. Everyone loved your mother and admired her endless energy. I also have fond memories of pj parties, get togethers and later just chats.
I will be in CA so sending hugs and prayers to the entire family

Janet Dill - November 04, 2017 at 12:40 PM

DT

“ *Arlene was a very hard worker. And a very pleasant person. She went to school with my older sister and they were the best of friends. May she rest in peace now. Our condolences go out to her families. Larry, Dianne Thull*

Dianne Thull - November 03, 2017 at 06:15 PM

KP

I have been gone a long while, but I remember Arlene well and she has been in my memories always. We shared many great moments together. God bless Arlene and my condolences to her family.

KAREN PUIG - November 05, 2017 at 12:02 AM



Arlene was a true example of one of Pembine's finest women. A very dedicated person in all she was involved with. The rescue squad was very important to her, and the town Thanks her for it., There are few more that can compare to all she did, and still had time for fun. She will be missed and never forgotten. Thank you Arlene., rest peacefully.

Judy Ehmer - November 05, 2017 at 06:50 PM

MP

I have known Arlene for many years and she has been a great friend and neighbor...so caring, loving and helpful in so many ways. Always an inspiration and someone I looked up to and admired so much. I have so many good memories of the times I had the privilege to be with her and to have her as a dear friend in my life. I loved her like a Mother and will carry her in my heart forever. <3

Marilyn Patterson - November 07, 2017 at 12:52 PM