



## Clyde D. Peterson

April 9, 1932 - April 29, 2023

Clyde D. Peterson, 91, of Kingsford passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at his home surrounded by family.

Clyde was born April 19, 1932, in Norway, MI, son of the late Richard and Judith (Wall) Peterson. He graduated from Norway High School, Class of 1950, and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Education from Northern Michigan University. On August 21, 1954 he married Sally Anderson at Bethel Baptist Church in Manistique; she preceded him in death on October 19, 2009. Clyde was a United States Army veteran, serving his country from 1955-1957. He began his teaching career at the Troy School District in Troy, MI where he was a math teacher and eventually became principal. In 1971 he took a position at Kingsford High School as principal. Clyde retained that position for 23 years, retiring in 1994. Throughout his career he furthered his education and received his Masters Degree in Administration from the University of Michigan as well as a Specialist in Education Degree. He was a member of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) and the Breen Senior Center where he served on the board as treasurer. Clyde attended the Maranatha Assembly of God in Kingsford and First Baptist in Manistique. He and Sally were active in the Mobile Missionary Assistance Program for many years, traveling throughout the country and helping with missionary work where needed. They also traveled to several destinations across the country on their motorcycles and had a memorable trip to Sweden to visit relatives.

Clyde enjoyed spending time at his cabin in Manistique, researching genealogy, and watching high school sporting events, especially when his grandchildren were participating.

Clyde is survived by his three daughters, Becky (David) Anderson of Manistique, MI, Susan (Rod) Bjorkman of Kingsford, MI, and Mary (Craig) Kowatch of Wausau, WI; 8 grandchildren, Jesse (Jamie) Bjorkman and their children, Blake and Brinna Bjorkman, Janna (Tom) Nordeman and their children, Noah, Logan and Tauren Nordeman, Drs. Kurt (Sarah) Bjorkman and their children, Cecilia and Bo Bjorkman, Nathaniel Kowatch, Bethany (Brad) Kafer and their children, Andrew, Alistair, Adelaide, Austin and Arianna Kafer; Abigail (Casey) Pempek and their children, Elias, Ezra and Eden Pempek, and Micah and Jonathan Kowatch; and several nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents and wife, Sally, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Daniel and Curtis Peterson; two sisters, Bernice Frans and Darcel Nelson.

Visitation will be held from 9:00am to 11:00am on Saturday, June 10 at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will follow at 11:00am at the funeral home. The Rev. J Martin PhD. will officiate. Burial will be in the Norway Township Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund will be established at The Kingsford High School.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Clyde D. Peterson online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

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



## Cemetery Details

### Norway Twp. Cemetery

Norway, MI

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JUN 10. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home

### Funeral Service

JUN 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
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Iron Mountain, MI 49801  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ I know he is terribly missed by family and friends. We all know he is at peace in heaven with his parents and other siblings. Dan and I always looked forward to Clyde and Sally’s visits. Sending prayers to all the family 🙏🙏🙏

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**Judy Peterson** - May 10, 2023 at 07:14 PM

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“ Dear Peterson family,  
I wish to express my sincere condolences on the death of Mr. Peterson. He was principal of Kingsford High School when my siblings and I attended there. He was a good man. I enjoyed seeing the video where the KHS band surprised him at his house to celebrate his 90th birthday last year. May he rest in peace, and I am keeping you all in prayer during this time of sadness. Sincerely, Ann (Pavlat) Green

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**Ann Green** - May 08, 2023 at 11:42 PM

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*Mr. Clyde Peterson is someone I will always remember with the greatest respect. He taught my parents how to do short division math and they became very fond of him. He was my Principal in the 7th grade in Troy, Michigan. He was a great leader and he encouraged his students to grow in their own unique greatness. I wish I had sought him out in the years after my graduation to personally thank him for all the guidance he provided and for being someone I always regarded as inspirational in my own success. He was a really good man. He was honest, he was direct, he taught students to be accountable and he still managed to have a twinkle in his eye. I really admired his integrity. I sure regret not thanking him in person for the confidence he instilled in me and for encouraging me to stand up for my beliefs and for my ideals. So belatedly, I must say, Thank You for all your kindness and guidance and may your family know, that even 50+ years later after we graduated, from fellow students who knew you, your name still comes up as one of the best people to help mold us into becoming good people who aspired to become as honorable as you. Thank You Mr. Peterson. May the Good Lord Bless you for all eternity.*

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**M. Peggy Thomas** - October 18, 2023 at 01:39 AM