



Everette E. "Pete" Peterson

April 15, 1933 - April 15, 2011

Everette E. "Pete" Peterson 78, of Spread Eagle, passed away on Friday, April 15, 2011, at his home.

He was born on Oct. 6, 1932, in Norway, son of the late Edward "Eddy" and Edna (DeClark) Peterson. His mother passed away at a young age, and he was raised by his aunt and godmother and uncle, Lil and Lester Struebing.

He enlisted in the United States Air Force, and was honorably discharged. He worked his entire life as a truck driver and farmer. While farming he had a favorite horse, Toby and a favorite cow, Babe. Pete loved shoveling with his number 2 shovel, blowing leaves, driving his Kabota tractor for both work and visiting.

He loved helping all people, especially those who were down and out, and gave anyone who needed anything whatever he could. He was a "jack of all trades" in maintenance, working some six years at the Anderson Memorial Clinic in Norway after supposedly retiring from trucking.

He was a motorcycle lover, having his best fun with his Triumph Aerial Square 4, and Norton bikes. He also enjoyed his golf cart rides from home to Florence for an ice cream cone. He was a member of the Hiram D. Fisher Masonic Lodge in Florence and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

Pete is survived by his fiancée with whom he spent 20 years sharing life together, Betty "Babe" Grenfell of Spread Eagle; his only daughter, Jane (Michael Garrow) Peterson of Sagola; Betty's sons, Glenn (Kim) Grenfell and Todd (Donna) Grenfell; stepdaughters, Diana (James) Anderson, Judy (Glenn) Bowers, and Sandra Begosh; their mother, Eva Jane Peterson; grandchildren, Robert (Allison), Allen, Amanda (Peter), Ashley (Joe), Dominic, Addison, Eli; great-grandchildren, Kaydee, Paityn, Devin, Trent, Isabell, Sam, Morgan, and Brayden; cousins, Ernest and Dolly Vivio, Marilyn and Gerald Struebing; numerous cousins; step-grandchildren, and step great-grandchildren; special friend and sandbox buddy, David Anderson and many other special friends

He was preceded in death by his parents; his aunt and uncle who raised him, Lil and Lester Struebing; a step-daughter, Ethel Marie Johnson; and a step-granddaughter, Sherry Bates.

Visitation will be Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

The funeral service will follow Thursday at 12 noon at the funeral home. Rev. David Anderson will officiate.

A Masonic service will follow.

Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Everette "Pete" Peterson online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

APR 21. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KG

“ I love you Grandpa Pete - I have so many memories to think back on and I will cherish those memories as long as I'm here. Following you into the barn and watching you at a distance when you didn't know I was watching was something I loved to do. Maybe you knew I was there. My biggest regret is not spending more time with you in more recent years. I'll make up for it in heaven some day I promise. Rest in peace.

Kristel

Kristel Schultz (Westman) - Granddaughter - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ We give our deepest sympathies to the family! He will be deeply missed! He was a great guy!

Brock Martin - April 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ You will be sadly missed by me and (Your Grandchildren) I will cherish the years I grew up with you. We had many great times, you teaching me how to drive the farm equipment, then the big bad truck over in the field, I had to come back in the yard only if I could drive it smoothly, and I did do that. I wanted you to be proud of me and you were. You taught me many things growing up but what I will remember the most is what you taught me about our horses. If you want one then you take care of it, oh! 5am in the morning came so early and then to clean up and go to school, but I really enjoyed you teaching me how to ride the correct way. I remember being at Dave Anderson's stables in Norway and helping with the horses, that was always exciting for me. I remember you telling mom she really has a great curiosity of how to handle the horses. you were a great father to me and my sister's. I will see you one day in the future and i know you will be waiting for me and have a big hug for me, maybe we can ride horses again. I will miss you.

Judy (Berger) Bowers - Step Daughter - April 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ He was a great friend to all that knew him, Our sympathy goes out to the family. He was always great to our family.

Wayne&Caroline McMahon - WI - Friend - April 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM