



## Quentin Peterson

October 29, 2009

KINGSFORD - Quentin "Que" Peterson, 91, of Kingsford, died on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009, at the Oscar G. Johnson Veterans Hospital in Iron Mountain.

He was born on Sept. 1, 1918, in Foster City, son of the late Swan and Emelia (Dahl) Peterson. Quentin was a 1936 graduate of Felch High School, and then went on to receive his bachelor's degree in agriculture and commerce from Northern Michigan University in 1942.

He was a United States Army veteran of World War II and was stationed at the War College in Washington D.C. from 1942-45.

Quentin married the former Esther Smeths on Sept. 18, 1943, at Our Saviours Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain. Esther preceded him in death in 1982.

Quentin began his working career as a high school teacher and principal in Hermansville from 1945 to 1947. He was then employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a soil conservationist for 31 years, retiring in 1976.

Quentin was a member of First Covenant Church in Iron Mountain and a past president of the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Kiwanis Club.

He served Dickinson County in many capacities over the years including the county planning commission, the Fumee Lake Commission and many other service boards and organizations. He was instrumental in the development of the Sturgeon River Impoundment.

Quentin was dedicated to the preservation and betterment of Dickinson County. His entire life was a commitment to the land, the environment and ecology. Quentin was happiest in the woods or in his garden.

He was an avid fan of the Kingsford Flivvers, University of Michigan Wolverines and Chicago Cubs.

He enjoyed gardening, golf and timber management.

Quentin loved his family and was proud of his Swedish heritage.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Su Lin Wilkinson, three sisters and five brothers.

He is survived by two daughters, Ruth Ellen (John) Wilkinson of Kingsford and Karol (David Dvorak) Peterson of Richland, Mich; his grandson, TJ Wilkinson (fiance, Shirley Thomas); his devoted friend of more than 17 years, Delores Luba; his best friend and constant supporter, Walt Summers; young friend, neighbor and helper, Josh McCole and his morning breakfast group that meant so much to him. He was also survived by generations of nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be on Monday, Nov. 2, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the First Covenant Church in Iron Mountain.

The funeral service will follow at 12 noon on Monday at the Church. Rev.

Peter Erickson will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his memory to the Fumee Lake Natural Area (Entry Gate), The Nature Conservancy or the World Mission Prayer League.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Quentin 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 funeral arrangements.

"May you walk gently through the world and know its beauty all the days of your life."

# Tribute Wall

RA

“ I am just now discovering the news of Quentin's death and wish to convey my sympathy to the entire Peterson family. "Que" and my parents, Paul and Miriam, were good friends. I always looked up to him.

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**Robert Aho** - February 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Dear Ruthie, John & Family - Our sincere sympathy on the loss of your dad and friend. Que had a good life and has done many wonderful things in his life. God's Blessings to all of you.

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**Barbara & Larry Partanen** - November 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ Karol, my thoughts are with you and your family.

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**Janette Diegel, SLC, UT** - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My name is Jill Steger, I am the store manager at McDonalds in Iron Mountain. I am so sorry for your lost. Quentin was my favorite customer, actually all of ours and we did whatever we could to make Quentin smile. He was such a delight to see everyday and when he wasn't there, we all worried about him and asked his friends where he was. He will be terribly missed by all of us at McDonalds. God bless you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Jill Steger** - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Memories of beautiful Christmas trees and Sunday supper visits with Que and Esther. Laughter and teasing at the Courthouse when he worked with my dad. Precious thoughts of a loving man and his compassion for others from my childhood. May you fill your lives with wonderful memories of his life. Our deepest sympathy, Karol and Ruth Ellen. Martha and Bob Schinderle

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**Martha Nicholls Schinderle** - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ So sorry to read about Quentins death. He was a long time good friend to my family in Pine Creek.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Blanche Trepanier Tuxhorn*

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**Blanche Trepanier Tuxhorn** - October 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ *God Bless you Que*

*Thank you for everything you did to keep Swan Peterson's dream alive.*

*And for the love and joy you brought to all of our lives.*

*We love and miss you.*

*Your death is truly the end of an era in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.*

*Only God could manage the woods better than the tender touch of Quentin Peterson.*

*The forests and trees of northern Michigan have one less friend tonight.*

*You are now reunited with you parents and eight brothers and sister - and with your dear dear Esther.*

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**Greg John Peterson** - October 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM