



## Valarie Lynn Peterson

March 15, 1983 - February 22, 2025

DON'T CRY BECAUSE IT'S OVER. SMILE BECAUSE IT HAPPENED.

Our family is saddened to announce the passing of our family matriarch.

Valarie Lynn Peterson, 41, of Florence, WI, passed away at her home surrounded by family on Saturday, February 22nd.

Valarie was born on March 15th, 1983, in Green Bay, WI, to Jeff and the late Rose (Moller) Sternhagen.

Val grew up in Fern, WI, and graduated from Florence High School in 2001. She would be quick to remind you that her girls basketball team went to state that year.

Val was a standout athlete in any sport she participated in and will always be remembered as the best trout fisherwoman you knew.

Val married her husband TJ Peterson on September 24th, 2005; together they raised 2 beautiful daughters and built a home on Val's grandfather's farm. Val was always proud that she kept her promise to her Grandfather Darwin that she would live there.

When asked what her greatest accomplishment was she was quick to say "My kids". Val will always be remembered for being a great mother, wife, daughter, sister, niece, and best friend to all who knew her. Val's love of fishing was second to none, and she cherished her fishing trips to Canada and hunting trips to Missouri.

Val is survived by her husband, TJ Peterson; daughters, Victoria and Ashley Peterson; her father, Jeff Sternhagen; a brother, Ross (Terrilynn) Sternhagen; a sister, Kim Sternhagen; her nephews, Gunner, Colt, Bo, Jace, Caleb, and Brett; one niece, Brynn; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

In addition to her mother Rose, Val was preceded in death by her grandparents, Darwin and Florence (Hedmark) Sternhagen; grandparents, Jerome and Delores Moller; uncles, Bruce, Mark, Charles, and Perry Moller; and one aunt, Amy Moller.

Pallbearers will be as follows: Eric Windell, Ben Neuens, Justin Korff, Bill Monteith and the members of the Witynski hunting camp.

Visitation will be from 10 am until noon on Saturday, March 1st, 2025, at St John's Lutheran Church in Florence, WI. A short service will follow at noon, and a luncheon will be held after the service at the One O One Bar and Grill in Florence, WI.

Condolences to the family of Valarie Lynn Peterson may be expressed 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.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. John's Lutheran Church  
524 Olive Ave.  
Florence, WI 54121

## Funeral Service

MAR 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. John's Lutheran Church  
524 Olive Ave.  
Florence, WI 54121

# Tribute Wall

OJ

“ Our hearts are with you, Frank and Joey purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Valarie Lynn Peterson.



Our hearts are with you, Frank and Joey - February 28, 2025 at 07:12 PM

OJ

“ Our hearts are with you, Frank and Joey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Valarie Lynn Peterson.

Our hearts are with you, Frank and Joey - February 28, 2025 at 07:12 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Valarie Lynn Peterson.



February 28, 2025 at 11:28 AM

HL

“ Hannah & John Lemanski purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Valarie Lynn Peterson.



Hannah & John Lemanski - February 27, 2025 at 07:15 PM

FU

“ Forest County Sheriff's Deputies Union planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Valarie Lynn Peterson.

Forest County Sheriff's Deputies Union - February 27, 2025 at 01:05 PM

FU

“ Forest County Sheriff's Deputies Union purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Valarie Lynn Peterson.



Forest County Sheriff's Deputies Union - February 27, 2025 at 01:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Valarie Lynn Peterson.

February 27, 2025 at 12:52 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Valarie Lynn Peterson.



February 27, 2025 at 12:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Valarie Lynn Peterson.



February 27, 2025 at 08:41 AM



“ Niagara Police Department purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Valarie Lynn Peterson.



Niagara Police Department - February 26, 2025 at 02:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Valarie Lynn Peterson.

February 25, 2025 at 06:42 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Valarie Lynn Peterson.



February 25, 2025 at 06:42 PM

PK

“ Paul and Laurie Kirsch purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Valarie Lynn Peterson.



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Paul and Laurie Kirsch - February 25, 2025 at 04:42 PM

MD

“ Marinette County Sheriff's Detectives purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Valarie Lynn Peterson.



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Marinette County Sheriff's Detectives - February 25, 2025 at 01:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Valarie Lynn Peterson.

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February 25, 2025 at 10:34 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Valarie Lynn Peterson.



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February 25, 2025 at 10:34 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Valarie Lynn Peterson.

February 25, 2025 at 08:04 AM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Valarie Lynn Peterson.



February 25, 2025 at 08:04 AM



“ Donny, Ashley and Will Vassar purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Valarie Lynn Peterson.



**Donny, Ashley and Will Vassar** - February 24, 2025 at 11:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Valarie Lynn Peterson.

February 24, 2025 at 09:13 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Valarie Lynn Peterson.*



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February 24, 2025 at 09:13 PM



“ *The Gedvick Family purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Valarie Lynn Peterson.*



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**The Gedvick Family** - February 24, 2025 at 08:42 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Valarie Lynn Peterson.*

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February 24, 2025 at 05:22 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Valarie Lynn Peterson.*



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February 24, 2025 at 05:22 PM



“ *She gave me my granddaughters and for that I will be forever thankful.*

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**Don Endres** - February 24, 2025 at 04:36 PM

KW

“ *Katie Weinfurter purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Valarie Lynn Peterson.*



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**Katie Weinfurter** - February 24, 2025 at 04:24 PM

TJ

“ *The Lodge at Circle J purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Valarie Lynn Peterson.*



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**The Lodge at Circle J** - February 24, 2025 at 04:05 PM