



David Allen Peterson

July 15, 1940 - September 25, 2020

David Allen Peterson, age 80, of Crystal Falls, peacefully passed away on Friday, September 25, 2020, with his loving family by his side at Aspirus Iron River Hospital, after a lengthy illness.

David was born on July 15, 1940, in Marquette, son of Alphonse and Florence (Nelson) Peterson. Raised in Marquette, he graduated from John D. Pierce High School in 1958 and earned his B.S. degree from Northern Michigan University in 1962, later returning for his Masters.

He served six years in Michigan Army National Guard from 1963-1969.

David retired in 1991, after 30 years as a conservation officer with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. David was a man of true character and integrity. He dedicated his life to taking care of the natural resources he so greatly respected.

An avid outdoorsman, David enjoyed his retirement years fishing Lake Superior lake trout, stream fishing for brook trout, deer and bird hunting, watching the Green Bay Packers and most of all spending time with his family.

David loved his camp on Stella Lake spending time with family and filling it with special and loving memories. This is where his legacy, the love of the great outdoors, was passed on to his daughters and especially his four grandchildren.

He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends in which he loved to visit and tell stories.

He was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Crystal Falls.

David is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Arlene (Hanmer) Peterson; two daughters, Ingrid (Greg) VanderLende of Rockford, Michigan and Gretchen (Jamie) Carlson of Crystal Falls; four grandchildren, Trent VanderLende, Austin Carlson, Ericka VanderLende and Kayla Carlson; one sister, Janet (Mack) Nettleton of Maplewood, MN; one sister-in-law, Marilyn Peterson Eastman of Marquette; and his many loving in-laws, nieces and nephews.

David was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Frederick Peterson.

A special thank you to Iron County Medical Care Facility for their compassionate and attentive care during the last few months.

Private family services will be held Tuesday, September 29, 2020, with Pastor Vicky Prewitt officiating.

Burial with graveside service's will be held at a later date in Marquette's Park Cemetery.

Those wishing to make an expression of sympathy are kindly asked to consider Christ United Methodist Church, 20 S. 5th Street, Crystal Falls, Michigan 49920, in David Peterson's memory.

Condolences to the family of David Allen Peterson may be expressed online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted to Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services with arrangements.

Tribute Wall

FC

“ My most sincere sympathy to Arlene and the family. Dave was a devoted friend of my parents, Biaggio & Betty Colavecchi, especially when they lived at Way Dam. He spent many hours having coffee & sharing meals at our kitchen table & doing his work as a DNR officer. My mom & dad so enjoyed the company of Dave & Arlene. Dave would sometimes bring his freshly caught lake trout & cook it for them. That was such a treat! He came to both my parents' funerals & I last saw him at my mom's last summer. It was so nice of him to come. They thought the world of Dave. I'm sure they're enjoying another cup of coffee & reminiscing about those good times up in heaven. Keeping you in our thoughts & prayers, may all those wonderful memories bring a smile to your face, Arlene.



Frank Colavecchi - October 14, 2020 at 08:51 AM

DM

“ Seems like just yesterday that my suite mate was telling me about the handsome guy across the street from our dorm. They got married and lived a wonderful life in a hunters paradise. Kinda like a fairy tale when you think about it! Sending prayers and love to Arlene and family. Donna and John Marshall Marquette

donna marshall - October 01, 2020 at 05:45 PM

LL

“ Love and Prayers to the family of David Peterson from Vince and Linda (Swanson) Luczak. Enjoyed the fellowship we shared while living in Marquette.

Linda Luczak - October 01, 2020 at 03:39 PM

CG

“ To the family of David Peterson,
I grew up in the same neighborhood as David, and am a sister to his best friend from John D. Pierce school, Bruce Skoog. We all spent a lot of time together playing baseball "in the field" across from our house, and David was such a nice friend to everyone with his gentle personality. Mike Roose was in that same group. The last time that I talked to Dave was at Gary McDonnell' funeral reception several years ago, and he still had his winning smile that followed him wherever he went. I so enjoyed our visit and catching up on memories of time's past. May your memories bring you comfort as you deal with your grief, because they will in the future as you relive them then. Remember, memories are the legacy of love.
My deepest sympathy to you all,
Caroline (Skoog) Gutzman

Caroline Gutzman - October 01, 2020 at 10:33 AM

KM

“ Prayers and thoughts to Arlene and family. God's Blessings, from Karen Swanson Maki (daughter of Clarence and Bernice Swanson, Marquette, Mich.

Karen Swanson Maki - September 30, 2020 at 07:06 PM

CD

“ Our sincere condolences to your families. The loss of a fellow officer is a great loss for all of us. Thank you, for your service, CO Peterson.
Carolyn Dice
Conservation Officer, Ret. 2009
Lake County

Carolyn Dice - September 30, 2020 at 02:51 PM

DK

“ Dave, a great friend that I was fortunate to grow up with. Just a super guy and family man. He was very proud of his family, once telling me that he was blessed by Arlene giving him two wonderful daughters that he was so proud of.

He was also very proud of his grand kids and how well they were doing. He spoke very highly of their achievements.

Dave, I will miss you and those lunches we would have on your front porch with Arlene, Char, and myself.

Dave Kivela

Dave Kivela - September 30, 2020 at 10:14 AM

JS

“ On behalf of Charles "Corky" Schneider and our family, our condolences to Dave's family during this difficult time. Dave was well liked and respected by my Dad and my Dad will be saddened to hear about Dave's passing. Cherish the memories.

Jack L. Schneider and Family

Jack L Schneider - September 30, 2020 at 09:39 AM

RS

“ My Dearest sympathy goes out to Mr. David Peterson ' s family , relatives and friends . David is my wife Julie's uncle . He and his wife Arlene accepted me and my family like we were their own . David and i enjoyed sports together or just visiting and talking . He was genuine , kind , respectful and he loved to laugh and smile . I will always remember David as a Uncle to my entire family . He will be dearly missed but is in a better place with God and laughing and smiling with all them guardian angels . God Bless the whole family , you all are in my prayers . Randy Saatio and family . (life member of AM/VETS , Ordained Minister and A friend to all military veterans)

Randy Saatio - September 29, 2020 at 07:06 PM

BZ

“ I worked with Dave for many years. I regularly used his knowledge of the local waters and fisheries, especially in poorly surveyed waters. He was a great old time Warden, who would readily walk in a long distance to check waters or hunting areas with difficult access. That would sometimes result in surprising anglers etc. that thought they would never be checked by a Game Warden in that far, and some good tickets. Dave believed strongly the DNR should constantly be trying to make fishing and hunting better and believed in working with Fish and other DNR managers to make that happen. We and UP fish/wildlife resources will miss him greatly !! Bill Ziegler - Fisheries Biologist.

Bill Ziegler - September 29, 2020 at 10:51 AM

LH

“ Our Sincere sympathy to your families. So very sorry for your loss. Hugs and Prayers

Linda & Richard Hammerberg

Linda Hammerbe4rg - September 29, 2020 at 09:58 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David Allen Peterson.*



September 28, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Allen Peterson.*



September 27, 2020 at 09:45 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Allen Peterson.*



September 27, 2020 at 09:20 PM



“ *The Corcoran Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Allen Peterson.*



The Corcoran Family - September 27, 2020 at 08:54 PM