



## Max Peterson

May 12, 1953 - May 12, 2013

Max E. Peterson, 60, of Crystal Falls, MI died Sunday, May 12, 2013 at his home.

He was born March 17, 1953 in Crystal Falls, son of the late George and Celia (Mindok) Peterson. Max was a lifelong resident of the area and graduated from Forest Park High School in 1971. He graduated from NMU in 1975 with a bachelor of science degree in education. Max worked for most of his life in the lumber industry as a sales person and lumber estimator. He truly loved his job and working with people. Max was also an avid golfer and was a member of the Crystal Falls Men's league, serving as vice-president for many years. He also belonged to Oakcrest Golf course in Norway and a former member of Timberstone. Max enjoyed hunting and spending time at Uncle George's camp.

He is survived by his sister, Winnie Reeve of Kotzebue, Alaska; 2 brothers, Mike (Barb) Peterson of Crystal Falls and Paul (Kim) Peterson of Bremerton, WA; several nieces and nephews, Patrick and Erik Peterson, Shelly (Clay) Nordlum, Meleri Reeve, Saul, Serah, and Silas Peterson; one uncle, Steve Mindok and one aunt, Angie Mindok; special family, the Al and Dwaine (Dobie) Anderson families, and his golf buddies, Dewey and Dale Blagec, Rob Bray, Steve Feak, Jon Anderson, Chester Stroka, and Harry Waldo.

Visitation will be Friday, May 17th, from 9:00am until 10:30 am at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls. Memorial services will be held at 10:30am Friday at the funeral home. Fr. Raymond Valerio will officiate. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Max E. Peterson may be expressed online at [www.nashfuneralhome.net](http://www.nashfuneralhome.net) .

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

EF

“ To Mike, Winnie and Paul and your families, I extend my sympathies in the loss of Max. He was a soft spoken person, but always there to help you if need be. He will be missed by all of you and his friends.

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**Ernie Barnett - Crystal Falls, MI - friend** - May 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ My deepest sympathy to Winnie, Paul, Mike, their families, and all Max' friends who feel his loss. As Max's older cousin and a frequent visitor to Crystal Falls, I remember him as a friendly guy who grew up to be a good and caring friend to many neighbors. He generously shared his knowledge and compassion for others. He also made a point of remembering departed relatives. I miss him and will remember him.

--Eddie Morin

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**Edward Morin - Ann Arbor, MI - 1st cousin** - May 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ We'll miss you Max; always nice sitting and talking with you whenever I'd come to town. Very sad. Peace and prayers to your good friends and family.

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**Paul Sundquist - Kenosha, WI - Friend** - May 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Max made dealing with Forslunds a good experience. You could always expect an honest deal. Max bent over backwards to accomodate. He'll be missed!

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**Roger Christian - Crystal Falls, MI - Friend thru business** - May 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Always had a great time golfing with Max!

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**kevin hanttula - crystal falls, MI - friend - May 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

L'

“ I didn't know you very well, but like everyone says you had a great smile. Please know you will be missed by everyone in our class ('71) It's so sad when God calls us home so early in life, but sounds like you had a great one. May you RIP Max.

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**Linda (Stachowicz) Larson - Freeland, MI - Classmate '71 - May 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

M1

“ My thoughts are with his family. I would see Max at the hardware store in Kingsford over the years - he was always helpful and kind. My fondest memory of him in our class was how he could play the tuba in band and march with it no less. Prayers to his family.

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**Mary Lou (Augustine) Gagala - Iron Mt., MI - Classmate 1971 - May 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

KF

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Max's passing. Please know I will say a prayer for your family.

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**Kim Curtis - Iron Mountain, MI - friend - May 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

GC

“ So sorry for your loss.

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**Ginny Morin - Chicago, IL - cousin - May 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

LC

“ We got to know Max in 1993 when we built our dream vacation home in the UP. Max was the sales guy at Delta-Do it. What a knowledgeable and great guy to work with. We talk often about the job Max, Mike, and Rick did on our home and are reminded of them every time we are here. We enjoyed Max's company at many occasions and always met on the golf course on Wednesdays. His group was always on the second tee shared by number eight tee when we arrived and I always looked forward to seeing him and chatting about hunting and other topics. We will surely miss him. God bless you Max. Good luck hunting, fishing, and golfing in Heaven. Your friends, Lois and Bob and family.

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**Lois and Bob Wech and family - Green Bay and Crystal Falls, WI - Good friend and customer - May 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

DC

“ Max, you left this world way too early. You were always sweet and funny, too! that smile you had hasn't changed a bit! Our class and CF will sincerely miss you.

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**Debbie Hunter mcMaster - WI - Classmate - May 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

WF

“ Love and prayers to Max's family, Woody and I are sure he is safe and loved, making some really nice golf clubs for all of the golf angel's in Heaven

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**Woody & Sara Skibo - Crystal Falls, MI - friends - May 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

GC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May your fond memories of Max live on in your hearts.

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**Greg and Patti Mindock - Richland, MI - cousin - May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

DF

“ I left Crystal Falls in 1969. I always counted Max as one of my friends whenever I think of my days in CF. I remember going to his house just up the street for Cub Scout meetings when I was a kid and how he always had a laugh to share with all of us. It's strange that I got this message today cause I was thinking about him earlier today. Must of heard him. Even with not seeing him for years all still miss him. RIP Max.

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**David Duncan - Las Vegas , NV - Friend - May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

AF

“ Max was a nice man he always had a smile on his face we often talked about his golfing and life. He was a good man and one of the nicest guys to work with. He made me feel welcome at work when I first started.

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**Andrea Gill - gaastra, MI - co-worker and friend - May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

SC

“ Such a nice guy with a grand smile. you will be missed...

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**Sandy Jankowski Neargarth - niagara, WI - classmate - May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

GF

“ Had alot of good times with Max..

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**Gary Hanttula - Crystal Falls, MI - Friend - May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

KC

“ So sorry to hear about the untimely passing of Max. I remember him from back in the 60"s when I would spend time with my cousin ( and his) Betty Mindock Dybdahl. I remember him as being a funny, but annoying kid. Always wanting to know what we girls were doing. My husband had the pleasure of meeting Max at various golf tournaments. It's always fun to meet people and go back in history as where they were born, raised etc... and with Max from Crystal Falls & me from Caspian...Again, please accept our condolences. Sincere Sympathy,  
Karen & Doug Benson

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**Karen (Cocco) Benson - Carney, MI - Betty Mindok's cousin** - May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Rest in peace Uncle Max. You will be greatly missed. Wish I could have made in to Michigan to visit sooner and will deeply regret that I wasn't able to visit more. Will miss your laugh and smile and memories of you teaching Shelly and I to golf and your patience since we had no clue what were doing.

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**Meleri - Bellingham, WA - Niece** - May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Tanker old buddy, we had a lot of great times growing up together. It was tough losing my wife last year, but every time you lose a childhood friend and classmate, it just makes things harder. I remember when we had our (30th) class reunion, you and Mutty were not going to go until you heard I was in town.May you rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers will always be with you. MOUSE.

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**David Eckola - Crystal Falls, MI - child hood friend/graduate** - May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Max lived a good life. He was a very smart guy who enjoyed the freedom of an uncomplicated, simple lifestyle in his hometown. When I visited him over the years, I was always impressed with how everyone that passed by knew Max and would smile and be greeted warmly by him....he would have been a fantastic history teacher! I will miss calling him on Saint Patrick's Day (his birthday). We shared a love of history, sports and nature, our conversations were always long and entertaining. The end came too suddenly, it makes me sad to know he was looking forward to playing a golf tournament with his nephew this weekend. Our daughter has a golf driver she will always cherish that her uncle Max made for her. I will have comfort knowing that Max's free spirit will live on in the hearts and souls of all of us.*

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**Paul Peterson - Bremerton, WA - Brother** - May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *I first met Max back in 1985, when I worked for the then Tru Value Home Center in Kingsford (later Delta Do-It). Max was a huge fan of Greg Norman...and we both shared a love for classic rock, especially Sly and the Family Stone. Although I left the Iron Mountain-Kingsford area some 20 years ago, I will always cherish the memories of his huge laugh, his knowledge of the home building/supply industry, and someone who had a smile, a joke...or a classic one-liner. RIP Max. See ya on the 19th green.*

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**Laurn Fontaine - Iron Mountain, MI - Former co-worker, friend** - May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM