



Neal Peterson

March 27, 1921 - September 28, 2011

Neal O. Peterson, 90, of Crystal Falls, passed away Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at the Northstar Health System in Iron River.

Neal was born on March 27, 1921 in Crystal Falls, Michigan, son of the late Matt and Lempi (Rautanen) Peterson. He served in the United States Army during World War 2 from 1942-1945. Neal married Barbara Clyatt in the summer of 1945 in Chicago. She preceded him in death in September of 1966. He married Doris Kewley in June of 1971 in Crystal Falls. Neal owned and operated Neal's Hydraulic Shop in Amasa, retiring in 2001. He enjoyed time spent with his family as well as hunting, and was a member of the VFW Crystal Falls Post #2891.

Neal is survived by his wife of 40 years, Doris; his son Neal Peterson of Amasa, MI; his daughter, Deborah (Keith) Peterson of Lawrence, KS; his sister, Mae (Harding) Olsen of Crystal Falls; 3 step children, Rachel Kewley of Kentwood, MI, Darice Taylor of Crandon, WI, and Athena Kewley of Lake Linden, MI; 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren, 6 step grandchildren, and 13 step great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Neal was preceded in death by a son, Michael Peterson and his sisters, Vienna Sandri and Bertha Peterson.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 from 10:00am until 11:00am at the Nash Funeral Home. Memorial services will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at the Nash Funeral Home. Rev. Kevin Kaiser will officiate. The Eastside Veterans will conduct a pass in review at 10:45am.

Condolences can be expressed to the family of Neal Peterson online at www.nashfuneralhome.net.

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

Tribute Wall

SG

“ Neal Peterson was my grandpa and a great man. He saw many horrific things in WW2 no doubt but he still was known by so many as being a friendly, helpful man who would aid anyone with anything he could. Character like that is a rare thing to come by these days. I remember his signature laugh and smile, or how he used to sit outside for hours admiring his humming birds that so inexplicably flocked to his feeder and not ours just a few miles away at our farm house, or how he would whittle a simple stick all day long. He was a man of simple taste and hometown mentality, which were some of his most admirable qualities. My father, also named Neal, is his only living son and he misses him dearly, as does my Aunt Debbie, his only daughter. Neal Oliver Peterson left behind a legacy of dedication and helpfulness, which makes me glad I was able to see him last summer just months before he passed, despite my living in Gainesville, Florida. I will always remember, love, and miss you Grandpa, you're in heaven now. :)

Sam Peterson - Archer, FL - Grandson - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I met Mr. Peterson on Fire Lake dirt road many years ago when my dad bought the property, and he would always stop as we walked on the road to say "hi-hows it going". I remember seeing him in the frigid water of October one year in his bathing suit taking a bath, I thought WOW that guy is tough!!! And thanks Mr P. for letting us cut through your property when we forgot our keys and when we needed to use your phone many years ago. Fire Lake is my Paradise but Mr P is in the REAL PARADISE now. R.I.P

matt simeon - rolling meadows, IL - fire lake friend - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ As you seek after the Lord, He is faithful to send His help and hope.
"The Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, and in
the night His song shall be with me--a prayer to the God of my life"--
Psalm 42:8

Michele Godmere - November 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ So sorry to hear of Neal's passing. I didn't know him very well but
did get to his home years ago with my parents. If I remember right,
he and my father were first cousins. My grandmother was Nanny
Peterson.

Thoughts and Prayers to the family. Carla (Mattson) Revello

Carla (Mattson) Revello - Vulcan, , MI - second cousin - October 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KI

“ My sympathy to all the members of Neal's family in the passing of
this good man. May your memories of him give you strength for the
days ahead.

Kathie Hill - Noblesville, IN - October 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM