



Donald Paul Peterson

October 18, 1935 - December 22, 2019

Donald Paul Peterson of Cadillac passed away Sunday, December 22, 2019 at his home. He was 84.

Don was born October 18, 1935 in Cadillac, Michigan to Paul Ivan and Alma Marie (Nelson) Peterson.

Don graduated from Cadillac High School and attended Ferris State University. On November 28, 1959 in Cadillac at Temple Hill Baptist Church he married Donna Blackmer. He started Peterson Standard on July 1, 1960 and continued to grow the business over nearly 60 years.

Don still went to work regularly and was known as "Pete" to many customers.

He loved his family and business; often combining the two. He cherished family lunches at the office and frequent visits from his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His favorite hobby was farming on the family farm and spending time together there. He was known at home and at work for the way he treated and took care of people. Don was a lifelong member of Temple Hill Baptist Church in Cadillac.

Don is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Donna, and their sons: Brian and Chris Peterson, Mark and Amy Peterson and Scott and Robin Peterson

all of Cadillac; grandchildren: Nicole and Nate Sharp, Kacey Peterson, Ryan Peterson, Lindsay Peterson; great-grandchildren: Brecken, Jackson, Macy; siblings: Karl (Ilene) Peterson, Idanne VanValkenburg, brother-in-law, Robert (Diane) Blackmer all of Grand Rapids; sister-in-law, Mildred Arrison of Illinois and many loved nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Margaret (Lyle) Compton, Marian Johnson; in-laws, Harold and Cecil Blackmer and brother-in-law, John Arrison.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Friday, December 27, 2019 at Temple Hill Baptist Church in Cadillac with Reverend Jack Miller officiating. Friends may meet the family Thursday from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac and one hour prior to the service. Burial will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac.

An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ So sorry for the loss of your Dad.
I know what a huge influence he was by the men you are. May God
bring peace to all of you.

John Garlets - December 27, 2019 at 12:44 PM

MP

“ Uncle Don was such a sweet and inspiring person. I hope Aunt
Donna and my cousins can find peace and comfort and strength in
their faith. He left behind a legacy and touched every person with
whom he had contact.

Melissa Pfeifer - December 26, 2019 at 04:14 PM

GO

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people with utmost respect RIP sir

Gordon - December 25, 2019 at 06:48 PM

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Gordon - December 25, 2019 at 06:43 PM

JR

“ Don & Donna were early mentors to me. My first real job was
working for them. They took care of me and taught me a lot. I
enjoyed seeing Don around town throughout the years after. A great
man, friend and mentor. He will be missed. Our prayers are with
your family.

Jason Raffaele - December 25, 2019 at 06:20 PM

DV

“ Great memories of visiting my Uncle Don and Aunt Donna and all my cousins throughout my childhood. I will remember him as a kind man who was just a good all around guy and big part of my childhood.

Praying for peace and comfort that only our Lord can give for Aunt Donna and the kids and grandkids .

Dale VanValkenburg - December 25, 2019 at 10:02 AM

JL

“ May God bless the family with peace, support, comfort and strength. Don was an amazing businessman serving the greater Cadillac area. I knew Don primarily in a professional environment. He was always kind, knowledgeable, professional and fair. His sons will continue his legacy as they share their fathers attributes and qualities. Peace, love and prayers to the Peterson family.

Jerry Leavell - December 24, 2019 at 04:46 PM

KC

“ Many prayers to you because words are hard to come by when a loved one passes. Love to all and see you soon !

Ken and Mickey Compton - December 24, 2019 at 01:07 PM

JM

“ Your father and grandfather was such a good man. His kindness was shared each time he stopped to talk. He was humble talking about his own health struggles, a trait that is found in great men. He raised conscientious, good-hearted children. He will be missed.

Juddee+óGé¼Gäó Maxwell - December 24, 2019 at 11:51 AM

JS

“ Don has always been very good to me and the family their are really good people never forget! God' s peace and Grace two the family!

Jeffery sharp - December 24, 2019 at 11:27 AM

DB

“ Mr. Peterson was a wonderful person. I enjoyed working for him for the short time I did. RIP Mr. Peterson. Prayers and hugs to the family.

Debbie Budnick - December 24, 2019 at 08:08 AM

GM

“ Having worked for the Peterson family business as a young man I met Don. Don had a way of molding young men he had high expectations for costumer service and for his business. I always admired and respected his hard work ethic and honest ways. Don and Donna both moulded alot of fine young men and women through the years I' ll always be thankful to them both. He was truly a pillar of our community and will be greatly missed.

Gabe marine - December 24, 2019 at 05:16 AM

DK

“ So sorry to hear of Don' s passing. He was a great man, always willing to help where he could, and a man who dedicated his life to family. You will be missed. Our prayers are with all of you.

Dave & Leslie Koenig - December 24, 2019 at 05:05 AM

MM

“ *What a Great man. I will miss our weekly conversations. He taught me a lot. My family share wonderful memories and he will be missed by many. Condolence to the Peterson family.*

Mike Malmborg - December 23, 2019 at 05:44 PM

RH

“ *One hell of a good man RIP PETE*

Rory Hughes - December 23, 2019 at 03:35 PM

DB

“ *Don was one kind person who made everyone around him feel good...always with a gentle smile and warm greeting. Donna had a wonderful husband and his sons and their families had a loving man who cared for them. R.I.P., Don. You will be missed greatly.*

Daniel Brooks - December 23, 2019 at 02:30 PM

CW

“ *I will never forget this man. He was like a dad to me. I will live this man with my whole heart. But I know that I will see him again someday.*

Christina Witt - December 23, 2019 at 11:52 AM