



Donald Eldon Peterson

August 24, 1943 - December 14, 2025

Donald Eldon Peterson of Cadillac passed away Sunday, December 14, 2025 at Legacies Assisted Living in Caledonia. He was 82. Don was born on August 24, 1943 in Cadillac to Eldon T. & Helen C. (Land) Peterson.

Don graduated from Tustin High School in 1961, he worked on the family farm for a short time and then went to Muskegon Business College and earned his Associate's degree. He worked in Muskegon and later moved back to the Cadillac area and started his career at the Marion Branch of Cadillac State Bank. It was while he was working at the bank that he was introduced to Sue E. Hesselink and they married on October 11, 1969 at Rehoboth Reformed Church in Lucas.

Don and Sue were members of Cadillac Christian Reformed Church since 1994 where he served as Elder and on various committees there. Prior to that they were members of the Covenant Church of Cadillac. He enjoyed working in his yard, gardening, traveling and hobby farming. For over 20 years he and Sue would spend winters in Lakeland, Florida.

Survivors include children: James Peterson (Misty Brown) and Nancy (David) Dryburgh; grandchildren: Megan, Mark, Michael (Leah), Kaitlyn, Stephanie, Allison; siblings: Florence Dunn, Marge Kellam, Carol Hoover and his twin sister, Diane (Doug) Berg; In-laws: LD (Ellen) Hesselink, Bev (John) Orvis,

Connie Hesselink, Greg (Laura) Hesselink and Lori Hesselink. In addition to his parents Don was preceded in death by his wife, Sue on Sept. 9, 2025 and sister, Marilyn (Dean) Raven, in-Laws: Bruce Hoover, Jim Dunn, John Kellam, Robert Hesselink, and Doug Hesselink.

The family would like to thank Legacies Assisted Living and Corewell Health Hospice for the wonderful care of Don in his final months.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 AM Friday, January 30, 2026 at the Cadillac Christian Reformed Church. Friends may meet the family from 10:00 AM until services at the church. Don's final resting place is Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Corewell Health Hospice or Cadillac Christian Reformed Church. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com

Previous Events

Service

JAN 30. 11:00 AM.

Cadillac Christian Reformed Church

Tribute Wall

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“ We have fond memories of Don and Sue. We first met them in Lakeland, Florida where we wintered. It was a pleasure to be able to visit them in the summer as we all lived in Michigan. Don and Wayne shared stories of "life on the farm." We miss both Sue and Don and are thankful for the many fond memories we have . Our sincere condolences to Nancy and James and their families.

Linda R Shooks - January 28 at 09:28 PM