

## Gary E. Peterson

May 4, 1948 - October 24, 2022

Gary E. Peterson of LeRoy passed away Monday, October 24, 2022 at his home. He was 74.

Gary was born May 4, 1948 in Reed City to Eldred M. "Pete" and Florence E. (Nelson) Peterson and they preceded him in death.

He graduated from the first graduating class of Pine River High School. Gary worked at Miller Industries, now known as Tubelite for 37 years before retiring in 2005.

Gary was a member of LeRoy United Methodist Church. He loved spending time outdoors, cutting wood, inventing and tinkering with lawn equipment. Gary enjoyed life; he might have had a tough façade, but Gary had a caring heart and completely melted for his grandchildren. He loved attending all their games and events and was always there with unwavering support. He was so proud of his grandchildren and family.

He was always willing to help others and was a jokester and an amusing storyteller. Gary was a history buff and enjoyed history trivia with his grandchildren and sharing facts with his family. He loved winters in Arizona; spending time with friends there and razor riding in the mountains.

He married Gina M. Davis on May 17, 1969 at LeRoy United Methodist Church and she survives him along with their children: Paul (Sarah) Peterson of LeRoy, Jill (Bill) Johnson of Chase, Tricia (Steve) Wessels of Reed City; grandchildren: Ellie and Kristen Peterson, Jenna, Jillian and Jared Johnson, Kevin and Shelby Wessels and a sister, Julie (Paul) Janik of LeRoy.

Memorial services will be 11:00 AM Friday, November 4, 2022 at LeRoy United Methodist Church with Pastor Cori Clevenger. Friends may meet the family Thursday, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to LeRoy United Methodist Church. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services  
205 East Cass Street  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
info@petersonfh.com

## Memorial Service

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

LeRoy United Methodist Church  
310 W Gilbert Street  
LeRoy, MI 49655

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary E. Peterson.*



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November 01, 2022 at 09:08 AM



“ *So sorry Gina to read this! Many thoughts & prayers to all of you during this difficult time!*

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**Julie Johnston** - October 31, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ *Lidia Engstrom & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary E. Peterson.*



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**Lidia Engstrom & Family** - October 30, 2022 at 01:12 PM



“ *CAROL AND I ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. GARY WAS A GREAT GUY AND AN ASSET TO THE FAMILY, CHURCH AND TO LEROY. I KNOW HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY BOTH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.*

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**LAYNE J DAVIS** - October 30, 2022 at 11:28 AM

JJ

“ So enjoyed the chats Gary and I shared on the front porch, Carl enjoyed visiting with him also, now they can finish chatting... Hugs for you...

Janrle Justice - October 28, 2022 at 09:52 AM

BD

Gary was such an inspiration to me. Seeing and hearing him taking great care of what God had blessed him with, day after day, sometimes was my drive to keep on keepin on. I would say, if Gary can do it so can !!! I will miss his calling out to my dogs, which he loved, "oh be quiet, its just Gary!!" And our grandchildren loved their "Papa Gary" and "Grandma Gina". We will miss you our friend 🙏💜 Love you Gina, our hearts and prayers are with you 🙏

Bill and Julia Damon - October 28, 2022 at 09:19 PM

DS

“ Gina my heart is breaking for you. Sending our love and heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Cherish the good memories. 💕💕

donalda salmon - October 27, 2022 at 10:05 PM

GW

“ Dear Gina & Family We are so sorry for your loss. We always enjoyed seeing the pictures of you and your family. Our Love and Prayers are with all of you. Gary & DeEtta

Gary Wemple - October 27, 2022 at 08:22 PM

JM

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of a long time friend. Gary was such a great guy with a positive attitude always. He will be so missed. God bless the family during this difficult time.

Joyce McQuestion - October 27, 2022 at 07:09 PM

KW

“ He was the best neighbor and friend we could have asked for! Always willing to lend a hand, join in the neighborhood consultation before a project commenced, available for happy hour on a moments notice and just the best friends we could ask for. You will be missed Gary, and keep a good look out on us ❤️ RIP 🙏

Ken and Bert Wozniczka - October 27, 2022 at 06:22 PM

JB

“ I can remember him and Max Dean and there hunting blind that they shared but I can not remember them ever shooting any thing but a lot of B.S., but I bet there was a lot of coffee drank and one heck of a lot of B.S going on there.

John Bowman - October 27, 2022 at 05:15 PM

LE

Dear Gina, I can't believe I am reading Gary's obituary, I am so very sorry! I met him and I found him very interesting and he and Arnell had a great interest in history and we lost these two wonderful men, our dear husbands in less than two weeks apart. We are also still grieving for your wonderful mom. My family joins me in sending you and your family

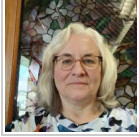
Our most sincere condolences  
With love Lidia Engstrom.

lidia Engstrom - October 27, 2022 at 08:06 PM

ML

“ Gary was always a fun person he loved playing volleyball with the family. He loved all his family very much and would always help anyone.

melba grisham Lawless - October 27, 2022 at 04:50 PM



“ Gary will always be "Dear" to me. When Gina directed the community choir, he tirelessly ran the sound and cheerfully played and replayed our music. What a great guy! Becky

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**Becky Miller** - October 27, 2022 at 04:49 PM

PH

“ Gary was our neighbor for 30 years. He always gave us the same smile you see in his picture here and a big wave "hello" when he saw us out in the yard. I was always glad when we could take the time to chat even though it was only a couple of times a year. When we moved in, he was only using a standard riding mower. He went to his experimental mower that was several push mowers in a line making a wider cut. Finally, he got himself a zero radius type mower and boy did he zip around the yard on that thing. I don't know how fast that thing goes but I think if he had been on the road, he would've gotten a speeding ticket! We will miss seeing him tending his yard and miss his smile. Pam and Terry Hall

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**PAMELA HALL** - October 27, 2022 at 04:10 PM