



## Janice Eilene Peterson

January 31, 1947 - April 23, 2025

Janice Eilene Peterson of LeRoy passed away peacefully on April 23, 2025, at home, surrounded by her family. She was born on January 31, 1947, in Cadillac to Lloyd Cameron and Jennie Ellen (Jensen) Cool.

Janice graduated from Tustin High School in 1965 and attended Ferris State University for two years. She attended the Tustin Covenant Church in Tustin. Janice worked various jobs throughout her life and later spent 16 years with Pine River Area Schools, retiring in 2002—a job that kept her close to home and her family.

Deeply rooted in her community, Janice volunteered with the Pine River Area Historical Society and was proud to serve as a local historian for the Tustin area. She loved playing euchre and pedro and was affectionately known as the family “Card Shark.” Janice also enjoyed being outside—gardening, going for Sunday drives, golfing with Pete, and watching her grandkid’s activities. She and Pete traveled often together, especially in retirement, and some of their most cherished memories were on family trips. Whitewater rafting adventures with her kids were a particular highlight.

On June 18, 1966, she married Peter R. Peterson, who survives her. Also surviving are their children: Jane (Luke) Porath of Traverse City, John (Chrissy) Peterson, and Paul (Michelle) Peterson, all of LeRoy; grandchildren:

Kyle, Emma, Foster, Jackson, and Calvin; Veronica, Peter; Bailee, Kaiden and Ellie; siblings: Roger Cool and Bruce “Skip” (Diane) Cool; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings Alice Cool, Doris Jenter, Lois Wengel, Ron Cool, and Phyllis Cool.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at the Tustin Covenant Church, officiated by Pastor Will Markham. Visitation will be held Monday from 5:00–7:00 PM at Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services in Cadillac, and again at the church on Tuesday from 9:00 AM until the time of service. Janice will be laid to rest at Maple Hill Cemetery in LeRoy.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Pine River Area Historical Society or the Tustin Community Library. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services  
205 East Cass Street  
Cadillac, MI 49601

## Memorial Service

APR **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Tustin Covenant Church  
108 Church St  
Tustin, MI 49688-5112  
(231) 829-3833

# Tribute Wall

ER

“ THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ARE SADDENED ON THE LOSS OF OUR DAUGHTER, JANICE . SHE WAS A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE DAR STANDS FOR. WE SEND SUPPORT AND COMFORT TO JANICE’S FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

*EILEEN RHODES STATE CHAPLAIN THE BRADY  
ADMINISTRATION DAR OF MICHIGAN*

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**Eileen Rhodes** - August 06, 2025 at 01:54 PM

KF

“ I learned of Janice’s passing today. I send love and caring to Pete and family. May God bless you all with comfort. Karen Fredrickson.

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**Karen Fredrickson** - June 20, 2025 at 04:11 PM

JH

“ Janice and I met at Pine Grove about 10 years ago. We became good friends and shared many good times shopping and meeting for breakfast at Big Boy. Every Christmas they would get their picture in front of our tree. I am happy to display one here. she loved playing Eucher, and we would try to beat Pete and Ed. She was a wonderful lady, and a dear friend. I will miss her



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**Judy Helsel** - April 28, 2025 at 04:20 PM

TF

“ The Porath Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Janice Eilene Peterson.



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**The Porath Family** - April 28, 2025 at 07:57 AM

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“ The Porath Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice Eilene Peterson.

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**The Porath Family** - April 28, 2025 at 07:57 AM

GA

“ Janice was a wonderful, kind, and gracious lady. A true friend to all who knew her.

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**Glen Van Antwerp** - April 26, 2025 at 09:58 AM

JC

“ I'm so sorry to hear this. I visited my cousin Janice many years ago and stayed several days in her house while other cousins showed me around Grandparents properties and barns in the Leroy area. She and Pete were very gracious and helpful hosts. Then they visited here in Washington State where I organized a little family reunion so she could meet her cousins out here. I had always hoped to repeat that trip with my wife. She lives on in many memories.

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**Jim Cool** - April 25, 2025 at 04:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice Eilene Peterson.*



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April 25, 2025 at 01:42 PM



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“ *I sure remember Janice of my exchange student year 64 - 65! Especially the night I stayed at her home that year! A very dear memory.*

*Janice  
Rest in peace with the Lord!*

*Yvonne Frissen - the Netherlands*

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**Yvonne Frissen** - April 25, 2025 at 12:23 PM



“ *Grandma always reminded me how important and special family really is. Being with her meant quality time with one another and making memories together as a family. From shopping, making donuts, playing or watching tennis matches, camping, playing Euchre, and everything in between, Grandma gave me so many moments I will always appreciate. To know her was truly to love her*  
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**Emma Porath** - April 25, 2025 at 11:54 AM

JB

“ Karen and I had so many wonderful memories when we were children of spending a few weeks with Aunt Janice and Uncle Pete every summer, before they had children. A highlight of our summer vacation! Then as time went by, Rob, along with us, and the rest of our family had so many enjoyable visits with Aunt Janice and all the Cools in Michigan. Being from Chicago, we loved the summertime fun there in Michigan. I will always remember Aunt Janice as being a caring, lovely woman, who was close to my Mom for many years. We were blessed to have had her and Uncle Pete in our lives! RIP Aunt Janice. Love from Janet Berlin and family ❤️🙏❤️

Janet Berlin - April 24, 2025 at 09:53 PM

VP

“ grandma always knew how to put a smile on your face and would always tell you right from wrong ❤️ she always made sure you weren't hurting her lawn or flowers when you were visiting!

veronica ❤️❤️

veronica peterson - April 24, 2025 at 09:21 PM

DH

“ We have so many wonderful memories. Camping when kids were young. Doing things together thru the years. Always a good time Love to Pete and family will keep you all in our prayers

Dave and Leta Hoaglund - April 24, 2025 at 06:39 PM

AB

Janice will be so missed, Al and I so loved the spur of the moment card games with her and Pete, The times of meeting for lunch,dinner and then cards,Janice was a great partner who never failed to keep things challenging. Wonderful memories with a dear friend. Her love of life, family and friends will always be treasured by all who knew her.

Al Armstrong and Barb - April 30, 2025 at 11:26 AM