



## Ruth O. Peterson

December 24, 1922 - May 15, 2012

Ruth O. Peterson of Cadillac passed away peacefully at her home Tuesday evening, May 15, 2012. She was 89.

She was born in Burdell Township, Osceola County on December 24, 1922 to David & Agnes (Watson) Johnson, the sixth of seven children. She grew up in the Tustin area, and was salutatorian and president of the 1940 class of Tustin High School.

On May 30, 1942 she married Arden M. Peterson of Leroy and they settled in Okemos, Michigan, where they raised their six children, returning to Tustin in 1978 upon their retirement. Arden preceded her in death in October of 1995. She was also preceded in death by her two older brothers and three older sisters.

Survivors include her sons: Alvin (Karen) of Tustin, Arlo (Kevin) of Cadillac, Jonathan (Lynn) of Tustin, and David (Marci) of Key West, Florida; her daughters: Maija Peterson (Arjen Greydanus) of Okemos, and Martha (Ron) Modene of Reed City; seven grandchildren; five great grandchildren; her younger brother, Max (Mary) Johnson of Cadillac; many nieces and nephews.

Though her greatest achievement was in being the best mother ever in the world to her six children, she taught school, worked in grocery stores, and in

recent years enjoyed passing out products samples in local stores and supermarkets. She played and taught guitar, loved to sing and play her piano and instilled a great love of music in all her children. Her quick, dry wit coupled with her steady good nature, endeared her to everyone who knew her. Ruth was active in the Pine River Historical Society, Cadillac Area Scandinavian Society, and was a member of the United Methodist Church of Cadillac.

Memorial services will held 3:00 PM Saturday, May 19, 2012 at the United Methodist Church in Cadillac with Reverend Thomas Ball and Parish Assistant Judy Coffey officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made the United Methodist Church of Cadillac. Arrangements were made by the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

PL

“ I have fond memories of Ruth singing in our church choir back when my Mom sang along with Aunt Margaret accompanying on organ. Ruth was a sweetheart. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Love from Phil

Phil Lintz - May 22, 2012 at 12:18 PM

CT

“ ruth was a good friend and a good guitar teacher to my daughter cindy in tustin. thank you and god bless.

carolyn tessman - May 19, 2012 at 06:54 PM

KA

“ We will miss seeing her smiling face, her beautiful singing voice and her firm handshake. She always made you feel the most important person when you talked with her. Love Karen, Betty and Amanda

Karen, Betty Klinker and Amanda Ander - May 18, 2012 at 12:13 PM

DF

“ RIP Aunt Ruth! Will miss you & your annual Christmas card with updates of family & activities.

Denise (Johnson) Fry - May 18, 2012 at 03:30 AM

DK

“ I appreciated rides from church to the dorm at MSU and visits to the Peterson home. Will keep all in my prayers in the coming months. I remember that " dry wit from about fifty years ago.

Dick Krieger - May 17, 2012 at 02:21 PM

SW

“ I remember the kindness of your mother toward others, and in particular to my mother. Mum so enjoyed Ruth's humor as well as her beautiful alto voice. Love, Susan

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**Susan Wedley** - May 17, 2012 at 12:51 PM

LF

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. I remember her fondly. My Mother, Margaret, enjoyed accompanying her during her lovely vocals. I remember the wreath of candles she wore with Scandinavian dress at Christmas time. It was wonderful to a child. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Lois

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**Lois Wedley Feguer** - May 17, 2012 at 11:05 AM

MP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May you find peace and comfort.  
Love, Kitti & Lars

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**Mr. & Mrs. Lars Persson** - May 17, 2012 at 11:04 AM

JH

“ I have fond memories of Ruth. I used to baby sit for them and she always had great dinners in the oven ready to eat. She certainly spread joy.

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**Jane (Gifford) Harris** - May 17, 2012 at 09:28 AM

BF

“ *It is with much sadness that I read the news about Ruth. I'm sorry we will not be there with you.*

*Please know that Sandie and Bob will be there in spirit on the 19th.*

*We will be keeping you in our thoughts and prayers during the next few months as you make changes in your lives.*

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**Bob & Sandie Forkner** - May 17, 2012 at 08:03 AM