



Sue Ellen Peterson

April 24, 1946 - September 9, 2025

Sue Ellen Peterson of Cadillac passed away Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. She was 79.

Sue was born April 24, 1946 in Cadillac, to Gerrit and Helen (Dunbar) Hesselink.

Sue graduated from McBain Agricultural High School and went on to earn her nursing degree from Northwestern Michigan College. She worked as an LPN for over 20 years, retiring from Mackinaw Trail Pediatrics. Sue was very caring and loved people; it fed her soul to serve and care for others in any way. She volunteered at Love, INC and at the hospital for many years. She was a talented seamstress; sewing everything from dresses to quilts that became treasured gifts to family and even lap quilts that were donated to others. She was able to see the positive and value in any situation or any person. Sue had a deep love for her grandchildren and was devoted to her family. Sue along with her husband Don were members of Cadillac Christian Reformed Church since 1994. Prior to that they were members of the Covenant Church of Cadillac. She had a deep personal relationship with Jesus and witnessed that through her acts of service.

On October 11, 1969 at Rehoboth Reformed Church in Lucas she married Donald Peterson and he survives her along with their children: James

Peterson (Misty Brown) and Nancy (David) Dryburgh; grandchildren: Megan, Mark, Michael (Leah), Kaitlyn, Stephanie, Allison; siblings: LD (Ellen) Hesselink, Bev (John) Orvis, Connie Hesselink, Greg (Laura) Hesselink; sister-in-law, Lori Hessleink; in-laws: Marge Kellam, Florence Dunn, Carol Hoover, Diane (Doug) Berg and many nieces and nephews.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Robert Hesselink and Douglas Hesselink; in-laws: Marilyn (Dean) Raven, Jim Dunn, John Kellam, Bruce Hoover.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM, Sunday, September 14, 2025 at Cadillac Christian Reformed Church. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to the service at church. Burial will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac.

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

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP 14. 2:00 PM.

Cadillac Christian Reformed Church

Tribute Wall

JP

“ I am so sorry that we didn't know about Sue's passing. We shared many good times with Sue and Don in Florida and also at each other's homes. Sue was always so welcoming and we loved sharing memories and current events. She was a very special person.

Jon and Micki Peterson - February 05 at 02:24 PM

AO

“ Sue and Don, were are neighbors here in Lakeland. Her obituary captures well the love that emanated from her! The lilies around our palm are a constant reminder of them; we are always connected! Sue also kept us fed with delicious treats. We will always treasure the special times shared around their kitchen table, with tea and baked goodies. Especially her banana bread! The heart and soul of Sue reflected her walk with Jesus; she lived and shared love in so many ways! We are shocked by her death and grieve the loss. Our sympathy to Don and all who loved her! May she enjoy eternal rest, pain free! Alice and Ann Marie Quinn

Ann Marie Quinn, OSF - September 14, 2025 at 10:51 AM

JR

“ Sue will be missed by her friends here in Florida. She was a truly caring and giving person. We are blessed that she spent time with us and she gave her love to others with her gift of sewing and quilting. Heartfelt sympathy to all her friends and family. Most sincerely, Joyce Anna Roberts Lakeland, Florida

Joyce Anna Roberts - September 12, 2025 at 12:44 PM

DB

“ Sue was my sister in law, but I always thought of her as a sister! As couples we enjoyed short trips, getting together at each others home just to enjoy the company and good food. We had 56 wonderful years of friendship and will treasure her kind and loving spirit! We will miss her greatly, but know we will meet in Heaven some day! Diane Berg

Diane Berg - September 11, 2025 at 11:27 PM

RE

“ Sue was such a warm and caring person. My deepest sympathy to all of her family! Rickie Edmonds

Rickie Edmonds - September 11, 2025 at 09:11 PM

CM

“ Sue always had time for a cup of tea and sharing our love for quilting. Her love of God guided her to the needs of other. A special friend for so many years. I will miss you. Cheri

Cheri Matyjaszek - September 11, 2025 at 09:07 PM