



## Kristin Marie Peterson

October 21, 1964 - May 19, 2025

Kristin "Kris" Marie Peterson, age 60, an extraordinary teacher that loved and supported all her students, passed away at home on May 19, 2025. Kris was born October 21, 1964 in Marquette, MI to Donald Rouker and Hazel Marie Salonen Rouker. As a child, Kris loved softball and basketball, eating M&M's and spaghetti, playing outside, and playing the French Horn, and was very talented at sailing. Kris was always known for her kindness and desire to follow the rules. A graduate of Gladstone High School in 1982, she then attended Adrian College where she earned her teaching degree in mathematics and she was the first person in her immediate family to earn a college degree, a definite point of pride for Kris. While at Adrian, she was a resident advisor where she met her lifelong friends Beth and Gina. Kris landed her first teaching job at Romulus High School in 1986. The thing she disliked the most was that the lunch ladies would always charge her the student rate for her lunch, because, due to her small stature, they didn't believe she was a teacher. The following school year, Kris began her career of teaching at Olivet High School. Over her 33 years of teaching, Mrs. Peterson impacted thousands of students as a mathematics and calculus teacher, softball coach, volleyball coach, academic recovery teacher, Sunday school teacher, and the greatest cheerleader for any student who wanted to succeed. Kris was recognized as an influential educator by her students many years, and received Walmart Teacher of the Year recognition and the Influential Educator Award several times.

Kris met Burt Peterson in Ypsilanti, and in July of 1990 they were married. The couple adopted three children, all of whom she gave her whole life for. Paul, Amanda (Jaysen), and Matthew were the absolute center of her happiness. Kris helped with homework, spent hours watching sports from the stands, attending performances at Wharton Center with Amanda, played outside for hours, and provided her children with any opportunity they needed to reach their dreams. She was the kindest soul on earth.

Kris is survived by her husband of 35 years, Burt; her children, Paul, Amanda (Jaysen), and Matthew; father, Don (Joanne) Rouker; sisters, Leana (Jimmy) Davison, Penni Young (Dan), and Lysa (Dan) Stockwell; mother-in-law, Betty Peterson; brothers-in-law, Steve and Chris (Suzanne) Peterson; many nephews, nieces, great nieces; aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and colleagues. Kris was preceded in death by her mother, Hazel Rouker; grandparents; and her sister-in-law, Julie.

Friends and family are encouraged to remember Kris by sharing memories on her Tribute Page or joining her celebration of life services. Funeral services are on Wednesday, May 28, 2:00 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Charlotte. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 5-8:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte, MI. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com), click on Kris' tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). Donations in her memory may be made to The Parkinsons Foundation, Olivet High School Scholarship, or Peace Lutheran Church. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 27. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral

MAY 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

Peace Lutheran Church  
830 North Cochran Avenue  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Kristin Marie Peterson*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - May 28, 2025 at 10:10 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Kristin Marie Peterson*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - May 27, 2025 at 01:46 AM



“ *I remember when I was going to school in Marquette and living with my three sweet nieces Leana, Kris and Penni. We would cuddle together on the couch each night with the book they wanted read before before bedtime.*

*We also remember how pretty Kris looked when she walked down the aisle on her wedding day. Our Love to Kristin's Family, Aunt Johanna and Uncle Jim*

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**Jonanna Margetta** - May 27, 2025 at 10:02 PM

DK

“ It’s hard to put into words just how much you meant to me and to our family. You were more than a friend — you truly were a second family to us, a guiding light, and someone whose kindness and support helped shape who I am today.

You stood by me during school when things felt overwhelming. You encouraged me as I prepared for college and supported me through every step of that journey. You were always there, cheering me on in sports and life, believing in me even when I doubted myself. That kind of love and steady presence is something I will treasure forever.

I didn’t get the chance to say goodbye, but I know that your spirit and your love will always be with us. You had a way of making everyone feel seen, valued, and welcomed. The warmth you brought into every room and every life you touched is something we will never forget.

Today, even as we grieve, we also celebrate you. We celebrate your beautiful life, your strength, your laughter, and the way you made the world a better place just by being in it. You were truly a special lady, and you will always live on in our hearts, in our memories, and in the way we try to share the same kindness you gave so freely. Thank you for everything. I miss you more than words can say.

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**Donny Kyre** - May 27, 2025 at 07:31 PM

JM

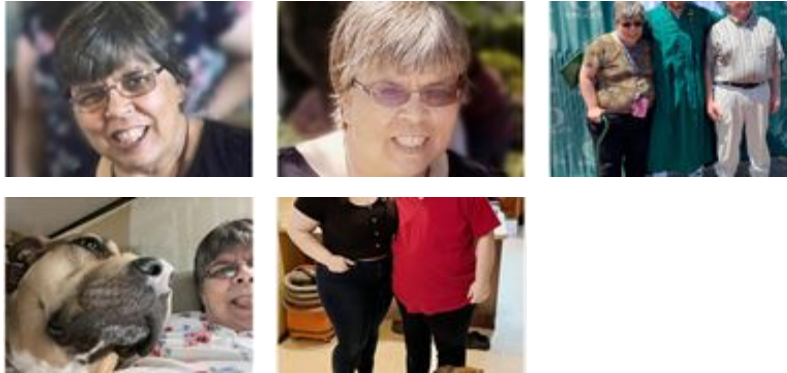
“ Kris was an exceptional teacher. She will always be remembered for her dedication to her students. Saying prayers for her family. So sorry. Jackie Murray

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**Jackie Murray** - May 27, 2025 at 10:10 AM



“ 41 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 27, 2025 at 01:43 AM

EC

“ Erin Campbell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kristin Marie Peterson.

Erin Campbell - May 26, 2025 at 08:18 PM

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“ Erin Campbell purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Kristin Marie Peterson.



Erin Campbell - May 26, 2025 at 08:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kristin Marie Peterson.

May 26, 2025 at 09:21 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kristin Marie Peterson.



May 26, 2025 at 09:21 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kristin Marie Peterson.

May 24, 2025 at 02:27 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kristin Marie Peterson.



May 24, 2025 at 02:27 PM



“ The Johnson Boys and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kristin Marie Peterson.

The Johnson Boys and Family - May 22, 2025 at 06:25 PM

TF

“ *The Johnson Boys and Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Kristin Marie Peterson.*



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**The Johnson Boys and Family** - May 22, 2025 at 06:25 PM

SJ

“ *Class of 2005 - We are sending our condolences. She was a great teacher and will be missed.*



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**Samantha Jones** - May 22, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kristin Marie Peterson.*



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May 22, 2025 at 10:10 AM

MB

“ I was diagnosed 4 years ago at age 60. Symptoms were tremor in the right leg, loss of handwriting ability (my normally beautiful cursive writing was now small, cramped printing and a soft voice. I also had difficulty rising from a seated position and have balance issues. I started out taking only Azilect, then Mirapex, and then Sinemet. Several months ago, I started falling frequently, hence the reason for Sinemet. During the summer of 2021, I was introduced to Uinehealth Centre, and their effective PD-5 protocol. The treatment significantly alleviated my symptoms, outperforming the prescribed medications. My husband says it has done me a lot of good in terms of balance and ability to walk and get up from chairs. I can now write without my hands shaking; I can feel my strength again. I was fortunate to have the loving support of my husband and family. I make it a point to appreciate every day! Visit [uinehealthcentre.net](http://uinehealthcentre.net)

Melissa Baez - May 22, 2025 at 05:25 AM

CC

“ I was just telling my son last night how good of a teacher she was when I had her and how I still respect her to this day for caring!! I was shocked to read about her passing today. She will be greatly missed!! Thank you Mrs Peterson!! 🙏🙏

Chuck Collier - May 21, 2025 at 05:23 PM

JT

“ Mrs. Peterson was my math teacher in 1995-1996. She was always very friendly and encouraging and was always willing to help if you didn't understand something. She will be missed by many. My condolences and prayers to all of her friends and family.

Jason Toney - May 21, 2025 at 04:48 PM

CS

“ So very sorry to hear this news, Kris Peterson was one of the most kind caring knowledgeable Teachers at Olivet High School, she would go out of her way to help any student! Hugs and prayers to her family.

*Mark Carla Sundberg & Family*

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**Carla Sundberg** - May 21, 2025 at 02:51 PM

AP

“ Angel Pedelty lit a candle in memory of Kristin Marie Peterson



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**Angel Pedelty** - May 21, 2025 at 02:23 PM

JF

“ Burt and family, we send you our deepest condolences during this time and may your happy memories give you peace and comfort during this challenging time. Kris was a blessing in disguise for our family as she became Donny's Academic Interventions teacher. She became a 2nd mother to him and encouraged him to reach for the stars and to never quit no matter what obstacles he faced or what challenges he encountered. With her love for her students, passion for staying positive and educating all students, Donny achieved High Honors, received a full ride scholarship to Central Michigan University for football, and with her persistence, drive and dedication, helping whenever needed thorough out his college career(driving to CMU many many times) he GRADUATED from CMU even though many thought he would not. She then went on to help Cameron and Logan, attending their college sporting events and supporting them with their academics throughout college. We love you Kris Peterson and we are very thankful for you coming into our lives. Rest in peace our dear friend.

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**Jeff and Shannon Webb and Family** - May 21, 2025 at 11:18 AM

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“ 1975 Girl's LL Softball Team purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kristin Marie Peterson.



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**1975 Girl's LL Softball Team** - May 21, 2025 at 11:07 AM

PE

“ *My sincerest condolences to Kris's family. She was an amazing person. Such a positive attitude through life and absolutely loved her career. Kris was one of the best teachers I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. I enjoyed working beside her for 20+ years. Kris will be greatly missed. Rest in Peace, Kris.*

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**Paula Eldridge** - May 21, 2025 at 09:19 AM