



## Lillian Mae Peterson

March 7, 1933 - April 1, 2020

Lillian Mae Peterson, 87, of Eaton Rapids, died peacefully on Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Lillian was born March 7, 1933 in Kalamo Twp., the daughter of Marienus and Irma (Beach) Klont. She graduated from Potterville High School in 1951 and married Walter Peterson on October 26 the same year. She worked many years as a seamstress, retiring in 1982. Throughout her life, Lillian created beautiful clothes for her children and grandchildren, and custom drapes for the house. She loved time spent outdoors, especially enjoying flowers and sunshine along a nice walk. She was a fine cook, even when she could no longer do so independently. Lillian will be remembered for sharing stories and advice from her wealth of knowledge. She remained always lighthearted and also ready with a comment of a quick comeback. Above all, Lillian loved and cherished her family. She cared for her aging parents, looked forward to large gatherings of family and friends, and was always very proud of the lives of her children and grandchildren.

Lillian is survived by her husband of 69 years, Walter; daughter, Candace (Steve) Hampton; grandchildren, Zachariah (Shelly) Smith, Charity Smith, Staci (Brandon) Inks, Mathew Hampton, Kristin (John) Hart; and sister-in-law, Loraine (Howard) McCune, sister in law Sue Klont; several nieces, nephews and great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents; mother and father-in-law, Peter and Effie Peterson; and her brother, Jerry Klont.

If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association. Friends and family are encouraged to support the family by sharing memories of Lillian on her Tribute Page

# Tribute Wall

ZS

“ Hey Grandma,

*I struggled with what to write here for a while, so here goes. Going to your house was like a vacation for me because it was an escape.*

*You always listened to me and if needed, corrected my trajectory. You always had my favorite pretzels in the pantry and if I was lucky, a box of 40 Bagel Bites in the freezer and you'd let me see how many I could eat. 27 in one sitting was my record when you and Grandpa lived at the log house. On the day after your passing, the light hit the living room just right in the evening and a random thought popped in my head: "The last time I had Grandma's chili was the last time I would ever have Grandma's chili." But it was really just a reminder of that feeling of warmth you extended to all who came over to your house. Sundays watching CBS Sunday Morning with a coffee and reading the funnies was one of my favorite things to do with you because you always made a point that the funnies were the best part of the newspaper. The other stuff was just mush. Can't forget Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune too. Don't get me wrong, the TV would be off for the majority of the day, but CBS Sunday morning and Jeopardy/Wheel of Fortune were things you'd always be sure to watch. The balloon show, sand dunes, and going camping when I was really young are all things I look back on with a smile. Just spending time with you and Grandpa was always a true joy. Thank you for all of the great times, I will cherish them always. Tell Great Grandpa and Grandma I said hi if you see them too, and raise a Coke in a glass bottle for me.*

*Love,  
Zach*

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**Zachariah Smith** - April 21, 2020 at 07:45 AM

CS

*You stepped the game up to the box of 96 bagel bites that you split “evenly”. Don’t forget climbing up the side of the house and on the back of the couch. You made grandma proud big brother. Don’t forget you don’t have to eat all your dinner to get desert. We didn’t make the rules we just try to follow them.*

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**Charity Smith** - May 05, 2020 at 03:16 AM

CH

“ *I love you mom! I've missed you for a long time. Say hi to everyone for me.*

*More hugs and kisses than you can stand,*

*Candy*

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**Candace Hampton** - April 18, 2020 at 05:02 PM

KC

“ *Lillian was known to me as Mom Peterson when I was growing up, along with many other friends of Candy's. Both Mom and Dad Pete were always so very generous and kind to me - Lots of family dinners, many sleep overs and tons of tuna salad lunches by the pool. Lillian was a wonderful mom to us all. She had a sweet smile and always made me feel like a part of the family. Thank you so much, Mom Pete, for being such a positive role model and for helping to raise me into a decent human being. Rest in Peace.*

*Sending love and prayers to you, Candy, Dad and the rest of your wonderful family. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

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**Kathy (Leonard) Curran** - April 10, 2020 at 01:16 PM

VB

“ My Momma, Norma Davis (Mason) ALWAYS SPOKE SO VERY KINDLY OF Lillian. I remember meeting her a handful of times. I still have pictures of the Shower she held for my Momma. Warm regards, Vanna Burtch.

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**Vanna Burtch** - April 09, 2020 at 11:43 AM

WL

“ Remembering, my Aunt Lillian as a kind generously giving woman. Spending time at their home with Uncle Walt and Aunt Lillian was an especially fond memories for me. She will be missed and was deeply loved by all who met or knew her. God Bless her and her family. Sending our deepest condolences to Uncle Walt, Candice and her children Zack and Charity and Candie's husband Steve. May you all know we are sending you all our Love and prayers. Walt and Michelle Lehman

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**Walt Lehman** - April 07, 2020 at 11:04 AM

CS

Thanks Walt. I hope the west is treating you well!

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**Charity Smith** - April 08, 2020 at 01:28 PM

GR

“ I always looked forward to my visits to Aunt Lillian's house as a child. The food, of course, was delicious and she made sure you felt welcomed and special. Her infectious laughter was a bright light in the world.

My deepest sympathy and love to Uncle Walt, to Candy, and the entire family for their loss at such a difficult time.

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**Gina Reid** - April 05, 2020 at 12:36 PM



“ *Candy and family:*

*Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Your Mother was very dedicated to her family and took good care of her parents. Be comforted by the many good memories you have of your Mom.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*The Bargy Family  
(Dorothy, Dan and Deb)*

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**Daniel Bargy** - April 05, 2020 at 10:40 AM

KH

“ *I have so many memories of Mom. She became that to me after an amazing 3 week vacation out to Arizona. After calling her and Dad by their last names. It was suggested I just call them Mom & Dad. She had the most contagious laugh and sweet personality. They broke the mold when they made her. From Anniversary parties, Birthday parties, weddings. So many memories that I will always treasure. R.I.P. Mom Pete.*

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**Kathy Hengstebeck** - April 05, 2020 at 10:10 AM

DS

“ *Candy, Sorry to hear the loss of your mother, I know how difficult it is at this time, hold all your memories close to your heart, Doug and I are thinking of you and your family, (hugs)*



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**Doug & Brenda Stevens** - April 05, 2020 at 09:50 AM

SG

“ Candy, I am thinking of you and your family and wishing you all wonderful memories. This picture of your Mother is fabulous!

Susie Grybb

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**Susan Grybb** - April 04, 2020 at 07:13 PM

DW

“ I already miss sweet Lillians spunk. Our visits usually involved her sharing many memories of her past. Showing me her wall of pics. Or trying to help others who needed assist. I love the fact that you never had to question where i stood with her. I am keeping the family in my prayers during this difficult time. I will miss you!!! Diane (LPN @ The Care Team)

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**Diane w** - April 04, 2020 at 04:22 PM

CS

Thanks for all you did to help my grandma and our family through this time.

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**Charity Smith** - April 04, 2020 at 07:23 PM

CS

“ Grandma was always super classy but never too serious. She enjoyed laughing and talking and sharing wisdom. She always was there to listen without judgement. All my love miss you tons grandma

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**Charity Smith** - April 04, 2020 at 03:05 PM