



## Walter Peterson

May 5, 1928 - November 6, 2021

Walter Peterson, 93, of Eaton Rapids, died peacefully on Saturday, November 6, 2021. Walter was born May 5, 1928 to Peter and Effie (Borton) Peterson in Van Buren County. Walter graduated from Potterville High School in 1947. He began working at Fisher Body in 1947, and worked there until his retirement in 1988. He enjoyed traveling together with family, gardening, building houses, landscaping, woodworking, fishing/hunting, playing cribbage, and bird watching. Walter was a member of the NRA, the VFW, and the UAW Union. He also donated blood to the Red Cross often.

Walter is survived by his daughter, Candace (Steve) Hampton; grandchildren, Zachariah (Shelly) Smith, Charity Smith, Staci (Brandon) Inks, Mathew Hampton, Kristin (John) Hart; and sister, Loraine (Howard) McCune. He was predeceased by his wife of 68 years, Lillian (Klont) Peterson; his parents; and brothers Harold and Jay Peterson.

Friends and family are encouraged to support Walter's family by sharing memories on his tribute page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). A private memorial service will take place. Memorial contributions are suggested to Elara Hospice. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

SI

“ When I was younger Grandma and Grandpa took us kids camping with them, in the middle of the camping trip I got my first migraine and grandpa drove me all the way home. On the ride home I felt bad for having him drive all the way back and I asked him “why do I feel like I always let people down?” after a few miles grandpa turned the music down a bit and said “well... sometimes we let people down but the right people will still love you anyway” he gave me a smile and turned the music back up. I love and miss you and grandma so much.

*Candy (mom) the poem you mentioned is actually a song from Nat King Cole, Stardust*

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**Staci Inks** - November 22, 2021 at 05:46 PM

ML

“ In 2009 I returned to Michigan for a visit. My Uncle Walter and I went through his service pictures and chit chatted with others there. We had a. Enjoyable reconnection. I arrived in 2016 to Surprise my Mom Loraine (Howard McCune for her 90th Birthday and was to see my Uncle Walter again. It was so nice to see everyone again. We send our Condolences to the Family and may my Uncle Walter's passing be a celebration of life! God Speed, Uncle Walter.

*Nephew G.Walter and (Michelle) Lehman*

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**Michelle Lehman** - November 20, 2021 at 11:13 AM

KH

“ You and Mom Peterson became my "parents" after mine passed in 1975. Up until you and Mom both passed you two remained that to me. I have so many amazing memories of spending time with you guys. I will be forever thankful for the 3 week trip out west where I saw places that I would have never saw if it wasn't for your generosity. Dad, I remember you still teasing me about the Big Mac that you didn't think I could eat 2 of. Your love for each other really showed what true love was. R.I.P Dad, Love you always,  
Kathy Hengstebeck

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**Kathy Hengstebeck** - November 17, 2021 at 05:53 PM

CH

“ While going through the droves of things I found this poem. I don't know the author but he wrote it in two different places.

*And now the purple dust of twilight time  
Steals across the meadows of my heart.  
High up in the sky the little stars climb  
Only to remind me that we're apart.  
You wander down the land and far away  
Leaving me a song that will not die.  
Love is now a product of yesterday  
The news of the years gone by.*

*I think Dad died of a broken heart. I'll miss them both forever but I am so happy they're together again.*

*Love You Both!*

*Candy*

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**Candy Hampton** - November 16, 2021 at 11:17 AM

ML

*Beautiful poem! He sure missed your Mom. I'm so glad they're together once again! God Bless you and your Family! M*

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**Michelle Lehman** - November 20, 2021 at 11:17 AM

SI

*Here's a link to the Nat King cole song Stardust, that is the lyrics to gramps poem*

*<https://youtu.be/DjU6ZjrQulc>*

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**Staci Inks** - November 22, 2021 at 05:50 PM

ZS

“ Hi Grandpa,

*I hope you're enjoying your time with Grandma and everyone else you're being reunited with. I wanted to thank you for all of the time spent with us over the years. I always enjoyed hearing your stories about your time in Europe, working at Fisher Body, and how Grandma and yourself began your life together. Where I could, I've taken lessons for my own life from your stories and experiences.*

*I also really enjoyed fishing with you. I think my favorite fishing trip was when you took me out in the pontoon while I was in high school, handed me an MGD, and we shot the breeze while waiting for the fish to bite. I don't think we caught much, but I saw it as a right of passage.*

*I'll cherish each and every memory I have and also diligently care for the tools, fishing poles, firearms, Fisher Body memorabilia, and pictures I've inherited from you and Grandma.*

*I miss you, but I know you are in a much better place now with Grandma beside you.*

*Love,  
Zach*

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**Zach Smith** - November 12, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ *Candy and family,*

*Deepest sympathy in the loss of your Father. He was a good man and always well respected in the Potterville community. Our thoughts are with you as you mourn your loss.*

*With sympathy,*

*Daniel Bargy, on behalf of  
Potterville HS Alumni Association*

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**Daniel Bargy** - November 09, 2021 at 12:11 AM

CH

“ *Things sure are different here without you. Thanks for all the things you taught me in life. I think you can tell grandma you used to let me sit on the bench to use the saw. Your one liners brought so much laughter to people you didn't even know. I hope heaven has all the salt, pie and good maple syrup you could ever want. You were right I never beat you in cribbage. Miss you lots love you.*

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**Charity** - November 07, 2021 at 09:39 PM