



## Paul Daniel Peterson

September 26, 1950 - August 14, 2025

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Paul Daniel Peterson of Kalkaska, Michigan, who passed away on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at the age of 74.

Paul was born on September 26, 1950, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Peter Peterson and Lorraine (Peterson) VanStrien. He was recognized for his innovative electronics abilities, carpentry skills, and known by all for his incredible ingenuity, willingness to help others in need, and his deep love for the Lord.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Cheri Peterson; his children, Chris (Angie) Peterson and Carrie (Samuel) Long; his grandchildren, Justin (Laura) Peterson, Nathan Peterson, Elijah Long, Sophia Long, and Isaac Peterson; and his great-granddaughter, Eleanor. He is also survived by three siblings, Bob, Carol and Joe, and many nieces and nephews. Paul is preceded in death by his parents and one younger brother, Rick.

Paul loved God above all else, and he took great pride in his family. He touched many lives with his dedication to helping others in need. He truly lived up to his nickname "MacGyver" in Kalkaska with ingenious ideas and ways to fix the unfixable.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at 11:00 am at Elk Rapids Bible Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Elk Rapids Bible Church  
400 E 3rd Street  
Elk Rapids, MI 49629

# Tribute Wall



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

September 22, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Daniel Peterson.



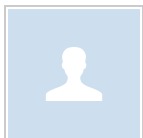
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“ Kalkaska Memorial Health Center purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Paul Daniel Peterson.



**Kalkaska Memorial Health Center** - September 22, 2025 at 11:16 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul Daniel Peterson.



September 22, 2025 at 06:33 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Daniel Peterson.*



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August 24, 2025 at 02:06 PM



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August 24, 2025 at 02:06 PM



“ *Dear Cheryl: As an old acquaintance from high school, I send my deepest sympathy at this time. You and I were in Sr. John Dominic's world history class during seventh hour of freshman year. With that in mind, we signed each other's yearbook when graduation time came around.*

*I enjoyed watching and listening to Paul play guitar during sophomore year, when he was in a rock band with a few other "Saint Al's boys." During senior year, he was part of a formidable, six-piece outfit that played an excellent variety of music for one of our talent assemblies.*

*Music was one of Paul's many talents. May he rest in the peace that he so richly deserves.*

*Richard A. Andresiak CC '68*

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**Richard A. Andresiak** - August 22, 2025 at 10:33 AM

DN

“ *Deborah Newell lit a candle in memory of Paul Peterson*



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**Deborah Newell** - August 21, 2025 at 05:10 PM

TE

*I'm Cheri's cousin, Terry, and live in California with my husband Eden. We've been able to travel several times over the past 15 to 20 years to visit family and friends in Michigan, and that's how we met and got to know Paul.*

*We especially enjoyed visiting them at their home in Kalkaska. Cheri told us that Paul built most of the house ( maybe all of it) and did a lot of the , beautiful, cabinetry and many other custom features of the house that made such a special place.*

*Paul and Cheri and Eden and I had some good conversations around the kitchen table and I wish we could have seen them up there more often.*

*I had heard that Paul played guitar, but I never heard him play. I was not one of the lucky ones who heard him play in his high school band. to be able to hear him play in high school - or in any of the other bands, he played in after that. I read about this in one of the other comments.. I'm sure he was really talented.*

*Eden and I are sending Cheri and her children and grandchildren our sympathy for the loss of a such a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. May he rest in perfect peace as he will be remembered forever by those who knew and loved him.*

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**Terry** - August 29, 2025 at 09:09 PM

EB

“ I first met Paul in 1974 when I moved to Muskegon, Michigan. We played guitar at church together on Sundays. I met Cheri thru Paul and we shared our children’s births together. Paul’s Chris and Carrie played with my three boys until they moved to Kalkaska. Cheri and I have remained Facebook friends ever since. Paul was always a comfort in times of distress with a calming word to bring the peace. May his memory be eternal! Love Evy Brosch- Goodwin

Evelyn Brosch-goodwin - August 20, 2025 at 08:36 PM

CC

“ My condolences to you Cheri and your family.  
Cathy Curtis

Cathy Curtis - August 20, 2025 at 08:18 PM

JH

“ Paul was on our CC football team and remembered him as an around good guy. Met him again at the church he attended in the Kalkaska area a few years back. RIP Paul!

Jim Hatch - August 19, 2025 at 06:31 PM

AR

“ My condolences for your loss. I remember Paul, the original guitarist with the Midnight Tides. We spent many days and nights rehearsing for those weekend gigs—weddings, Polish Hall, Legion Halls, Roma Center in Comstock Park, all over GR. We had a blast. I remember we had so many gigs, almost every Friday and Saturday (1966-1967), that Paul gave me a what-for because he wanted a weekend off. The days I remember...

Arny Rodriguez

Arnaldo (ARNY) Rodriguez - August 19, 2025 at 11:29 AM

KG

“ Please accept our deepest condolences for your loss.  
Sincerely,  
The Garsea Family - Kay, Rick, Mary & Anne  
Dallas, Texas

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**Kay Garsea** - August 18, 2025 at 10:01 AM

MW

Sorry to hear the news of Paul's passing. Thinking of all of you and sending prayers. He was always a great guy to talk to. Margaret Wilkinson, Jean's sister.

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**Margaret Wilkinson** - August 21, 2025 at 09:10 AM

MZ

Deepest Condolences to all family  
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**mayann Zagumny** - August 23, 2025 at 05:32 PM