



## Mrs. Norma Johanna Peterson

June 13, 1947 - February 19, 2021

It is with deepest sorrow that we announce that Norma Johanna Peterson, 73, of Cayley, Alberta, passed away on February 19th, 2021 at Foothills Country Hospice, after losing her courageous battle with cancer.

Left to cherish her memory is her son Bryan Peterson; daughter Donna (Dan) Shmyr; granddaughters Kiera Peterson and Autumn Nesbitt; grandson's Hayden Nesbitt and Eli Shmyr. She is also survived by her brother Lawrence (Mary) Gerritsen, as well as brother-in-laws Dale Peterson and Bruce Peterson; sister-in-laws Jane Peterson, Shawney Peterson and Denise Peterson.

She was born in Edmonton, AB June 13, 1947 and was then adopted by her parents Johan and Ora Gerritsen, where she lived her young life on the farm in Loverna, Sask. She graduated from Westcliffe Composite School in Loverna, Saskatchewan in 1966, where she then went on to study Secretarial at Mount Royal College in Calgary AB.

It was in Calgary, that she met the love of her life, John Peterson, who she married in March of 1970. They were both active members of the Stockcar Club and she loved to attend their banquets and events. In 1977, Norma and John adopted Bryan, and then Donna in 1980. These kids were the loves of her life, and then their children after that. Her grandchildren were the apple of her eye. She could always be found front and centre at every sporting event, concert or performance.

Norma loved her job and all those she worked along side as a Bookkeeper for the UFA Petroleum in High River, and was there for 23 of Years. In her later years, she loved to travel. She was fortunate enough to visit many different amazing places and it was in Mesa, AZ she made new friendships and some of her most treasured memories.

Norma was always there to lend a hand, or an ear and was loved by all who met her. She was known to love to dance, or battle it out in a friendly game of cards. She loved to laugh and had one of the very best. Norma's endless capacity for love and kindness was well-

known by anyone who was lucky enough to have called her family or friend. She made the world a better place for being in it. She will be dearly missed, and forever loved.

She was predeceased by her husband John Peterson in the summer of 2012.

Norma was always a figure of strength and dependability, who's support or love for her family never waned. She will be deeply missed by all those who's lives she touched in every way and in every laugh or smile.

A private family Celebration of Life will be held at the Highwood Golf Course followed with the interment at the Cayley Cemetery.

Memorial Donations can be made to the Foothills Country Hospice as their kindness, compassion and care was unparalleled.

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass)  
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# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Lyle Reeves Funerals** - March 02 at 02:44 PM



“ Donna, you were so close with your amazing momma. Sending you love during this time. You're in my thoughts and I'm sending a huge hug to you and your family.

**Sara Klinghoffer** - March 03 at 08:50 PM



“ Norma was a very special person and great friend. We miss her very much and are so sorry for your loss. She talked about her family so much. Thoughts and prayers to you all.

**Cynthia Schlaht** - March 04 at 11:02 AM



“ Beautiful tribute to a wonderful lady, sending love to all who knew her, she will be missed!

**Michelle Mattson** - March 04 at 04:12 PM



“ Thanks it was so nice that I could attend. I was Normas friend all the way through school. I missed her but lost contact with her up until last year. It was especially nice to see that she had a good, full, enjoyable life. God bless you Norma. Even if we didn't see each other you were always on my mind and in my heart.

Selma (Schmalzbauer) Kurylowich

**Selma Kurylowich** - March 04 at 04:28 PM



“ Thank you for sharing the memorial service for Norma Peterson.

**Rena Moulton** - March 04 at 04:28 PM



“ That was a lovely service with lots of memories and terrific pictures. Aunty Norma was always so upbeat and ready for anything. We will miss her so much. Lots of love to you all.  
Karen, Michael and Bridget

**Karen Gerritsen** - March 04 at 04:29 PM



“ Today's tribute to your Mom and Grandma was perfect. She was kind, funny, up for anything and just the best friend. I will miss her forever. Hugs to each of you ☐

**Toni Fiest** - March 04 at 09:25 PM



“ Hugs to you all. Norma was always full of life and she always smiled. We will miss her very much.

**Donna/Rex Fisher** - March 05 at 07:08 PM

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“ I will miss Norma very much. She has been apart of my life for as long as I can remember. I know she is with John and other family and friends now and is keeping tabs on us all from above.

**Bruce Peterson** - March 05 at 02:47 PM

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“ We recently lost a very special member of our family. Yesterday we watched as Norma Peterson's life was celebrated and today I would like to add to that celebration with these words filled with sadness and love for this very special lady. Norma has been a part of the Peterson family for over 50 years and during that time she was a wife, a daughter in law, a sister in law, an Auntie and a friend. She was a cousin and friend to our extended family providing so many memories of times spent with them during her and John's life together and after. We were all so fortunate to have shared our lives with her. We will miss her smile, her laugh, her friendship and her love. She will be in our hearts and memories forever and will always be a very special part of our family. We love you and will miss you Norma ... until we meet again.

**Shaune Peterson** - March 05 at 11:18 AM

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“ I would like to commend Bryan and Donna and families on the very nice service for their Mother and Grandmother Norma. It was very thoughtful and lovely. I believe everyone got Norms's personality down pat. She was a lovely woman and I will miss her. Cherish her memory with all of your heart.  
Sherry Kast

**Sherry Kast** - March 04 at 05:56 PM

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**Lyle Reeves Funerals** - March 04 at 05:11 PM

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“ A beautiful tribute a wonderful woman

**Deb Murakami** - March 04 at 04:25 PM

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“ My thoughts are with you all xoxo

Norma was a very special lady



**Rhiannon Aikman** - March 04 at 03:27 PM

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“ We had special times. Norma, we will forever remember you and forever miss you.  
We love you.

Toni Fiest



**Toni Fiest** - March 04 at 03:03 PM

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“ John & Faye Wheatcroft lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Johanna Peterson



**John & Faye Wheatcroft** - March 04 at 03:01 PM



“ A kind and loving person. Say high to John for us when you are with him in heaven.

**John** - March 04 at 03:09 PM



“ My sincere condolences to all the family and friends ! Very sad . Norma was a beautiful lady in and out !

**mavis martin** - March 04 at 11:45 AM



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**Cynthia Schlaht** - March 04 at 11:10 AM



“ I met Norma through her son Bryan when I moved to Calgary. Being from the UK I didn't know many people and I was invited to Bryan's house for a Sunday Roast. It was the first family dinner I'd been invited too since I moved to Canada alone and Norma made me feel so welcome and at ease, I immediately warmed to her. I loved chatting to her about the books she was reading or the TV shows she was watching - she was so easy to talk too. I felt she was a kindred spirit. Norma was so kind to me at a time when I was far away from home and I will never forget her generosity and warmth. I wish I'd been able to give her a hug goodbye. The last time we spoke she was enjoying a vanilla milkshake, her favourite. Sending my love to Bryan, Kiera, Donna and her family. She will be remembered with a smile :) xxx

**Sarah Packford** - March 04 at 10:58 AM

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“ I met Norma through Donna when I was a teenager...a bit of a wild one at that. When I had no place to live Norma took me in for a while so I could get on my feet. I will never forget her kindness and her patience with us girls! You're forever in my heart Norma!

**Amy (Porter) Lundin** - March 04 at 11:48 AM

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“ I met Norma in Val Vista .I also enjoyed a visit to my home in Manitoba with a couple other ladies for a couple of days . It was another little road trip which she enjoyed . Norma was beautiful lady in and out ! Always smiling and this picture of her is so typical !!

**mavis martin** - March 04 at 10:56 AM

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“ We were neighbours before school. Norma and I were friends all though school. We spent many hours together at school, her home and my home, many dances etc. Unfortunately we lost contact with each other after we married and moved I to Peace River. The distance kept us apart. I missed her then and now we will not be close. I went to Rosetown to school one year we wrote many letters I still have the ones she wrote me. Fortunately we did meet at Leduc last summer. Thanks Donna for bring us together, I am so thankful for the few minutes we had.

**Selma Kurylowich** - March 03 at 12:08 AM

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“ Oh the fun we had with Norma down in Mesa. She was such a delight to be around !! There were unending card games....lots of movies...trips with the 5 of us. I will carry these memories to my grave. I loved her very much. Sue Hagen

**Susan Hagen** - March 02 at 10:36 PM

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“ Norma and I met a while ago in mesa, Arizona, instant friendship, we loved to dance in the ladies group, had a lot of fun...So saddened to hear such news. Many condolences to Norma, s family..my name is Susan Chapman and I am very sad.

**Susan Chapman** - March 02 at 09:48 PM

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“ Carole Malmberg lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Johanna Peterson



**Carole Malmberg** - March 01 at 10:22 PM

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“ William Young lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Johanna Peterson



**William Young** - March 01 at 07:54 PM

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“ Penni Tebbs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Johanna Peterson



**Penni Tebbs** - March 01 at 07:42 PM

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“ Donna Gregg lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Johanna Peterson



**Donna Gregg** - March 01 at 10:08 AM



“ I always enjoyed my visits with Norma when I worked at Cooperators. She was a lovely , funny lady. My sincerest sympathies.

**Donna Gregg** - March 01 at 10:10 AM

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“ Cathy Couey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Johanna Peterson



**Cathy Couey** - February 27 at 04:44 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to the families of Norma Peterson. We were so blessed to have shared life with her over the years. Wayne & Arlene Langston & families.

**arlene langston** - February 26 at 03:08 PM

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“ Joni Bruce lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Johanna Peterson



**Joni Bruce** - February 26 at 10:58 AM

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“ Cyril And Bev Norrie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Johanna Peterson



**Cyril and Bev Norrie** - February 26 at 09:22 AM

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“ Brandy Whitford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Johanna Peterson



**Brandy Whitford** - February 25 at 09:10 PM

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“ Bryan, Donna & families  
We are so sorry to hear of Normas passing, may your memories of her bring you comfort during this difficult time.  
Bert & Shannon Loeffler



**Bert Shannon Loeffler** - February 25 at 08:14 PM

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“ Norma used to babysit me and one day Donna and I tried to pierce each others ears with pin and potato. OMG did we ever get in trouble, I still hear her voice to this day LOL. May you rest in peace, sending thoughts and prayers to family and friends.  
The Dannatt's

**Lacey Dannatt** - February 24 at 05:09 PM

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“ Gail Wark lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Johanna Peterson



**Gail Wark** - February 23 at 08:52 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to the family at this difficult time.

**Gail Wark** - February 23 at 08:54 PM

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“ Deb And Dunc Forrest lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Johanna Peterson



**Deb and Dunc Forrest** - February 23 at 07:12 PM



“ So sorry to hear this sad news! We were neighbours for years when we all lived in Cayley. Norma was funny, kind and very caring! Thoughts and Prayers to Donna and Bryan and their families

**Deb and Dunc Forrest** - February 23 at 07:14 PM

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“ I am truly sadden to have lost a good friend as was Norma. My condolences to all of her family.

Keith & I have many great memories of the wonderful fun filled trips we went on with Norma& John. Also the many camping weekends with our families.

My they rest in peace together. xoxo

**Keith & Marilyn Whitford** - February 23 at 03:04 PM

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“ Keith & Marilyn Whitford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Johanna Peterson



**Keith & Marilyn Whitford** - February 23 at 02:45 PM

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“ Ralph & Brenda Bedson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Johanna Peterson



**Ralph & Brenda Bedson** - February 23 at 01:26 PM

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**Ralph & Brenda Bedson** - February 23 at 01:24 PM



“ Love this picture! That's how we will remember these two!

**Joni Bruce** - February 26 at 10:58 AM