

In Loving Memory

John Vernon Peterson was born in Alexandria, Minnesota, the son of Vernon and Mildred (Magnuson) Peterson. He was baptized and confirmed at Chippewa Lutheran Church in Brandon. John graduated from Brandon High School in 1970 and received his AA Degree in Mechanics from Wadena Tech.

On December 14, 1974, John was united in marriage to Cheryl Eddy at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Garfield. To this union, three children were born: Jeremy, Leigh and Rashal. The family continued to live in rural Brandon where John worked as a mechanic for several different shops in the Brandon, Evansville and Garfield area.

John also worked as an independent truck driver for various companies. With all the traveling he did he could tell you directions anywhere without the use of Google maps.

For the past 15 years, he worked as a mechanic out of his own garage. People would bring any type of engine, large or small, to him to fix and he would have no issues figuring out what was wrong. Many people would say "there's not an engine John couldn't fix". During his time in the garage, he would also teach his kids and grandkids how to do things so they would know how to fix them.

John died on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at his home. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl; son, Jeremy (Catrina); daughters: Leigh (Cory) Barron, Rashal (Joel) Malkush; grandchildren: Serenity, Steinar, Henry, Ethan, Nicholas, Riley, Baby Girl Malkush.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Vernon & Mildred; In-laws: Lyle & Vi Eddy; brother-in-law: Kevin Eddy, nephew, Chad Eddy.



John V. Peterson

1952 ~ 2019

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks undone must stay that way.

I found that peace at close of day.
If my parting has left a void
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full; I've savored much,
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.

In Memory of

John Vernon Peterson

January 22, 1952



January 29, 2019

Memorial Service

Grace Lutheran Church

Brandon, Minnesota

Saturday, February 2, 2019

11 AM

Officiant

Reverend Sarah Berglund

Organist

Becky Heyn

Musical Selections

Rock of Ages

Amazing Grace

Interment

Brandon Cemetery

Brandon, Minnesota

