

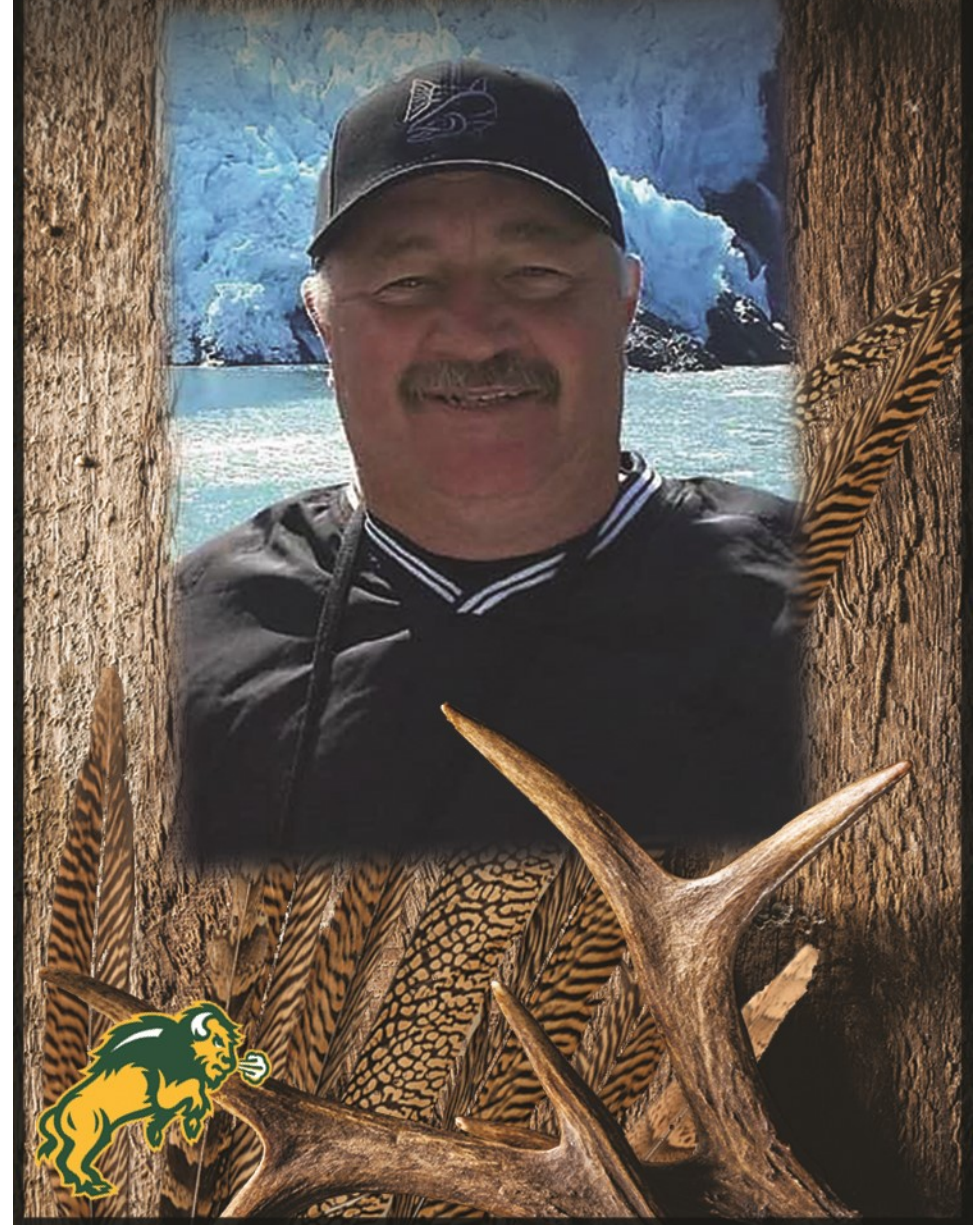
You placed gold on my finger  
You brought love like I've never known  
You gave life to our children  
And to me a reason to go on  
You're my bread when I'm hungry  
You're my shelter from troubled winds  
You're my anchor in life's ocean  
But most of all you're my best friend  
When I need hope and inspiration  
You're always strong when I'm tired and weak  
I could search this whole world over  
You'd still be everything that I need  
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"You're My Best Friend" - Don Williams



◆ IN LOVING MEMORY ◆

# Richard "Pete" Peterson

DECEMBER 12, 1960 - MARCH 21, 2019





Richard "Pete" Allen Peterson was born in Minot, ND on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 1960. He was born 6 weeks premature and named after the doctor that saved him. He worked summers with his parents on highway construction sites. He was a good football and basketball player, and had a knack for drawing. After graduating from Velva High School in 1980, he went on to earn a degree in Architectural Drafting and Estimating at the Wahpeton State School of Science.

He married Rebecca "Becky" Effertz on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1988 at St. Cecelia Church in Velva, ND. But, they started their adventures long before then as high school sweet hearts during the junior homecoming dance. From that day on, they found countless adventures traveling the world never passing up a good time. The couple recently celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Their homes were numerous, if they could pull in a camper, put up a tent, or even park a vehicle, that's all they needed. For their longer stays they settled down living in Kansas City, KS, Portland, OR, and Coeur d'Alene, ID before returning to their home state of North Dakota in 1991.

After a brief stint living south of Bismarck, he and Becky moved the original Effertz homestead from Velva to their rural property north of Mandan in 1995. Pete remodeled the house from floor to ceiling and the couple raised their four children there. After years of working construction for others, Pete started his own business, R&R Remodeling, in 1998. Pete will always be remembered for his handiwork and craftsmanship, but more importantly how he put his hands and heart to good use. His hobbies were many, but he enjoyed the outdoors more than anything. Pete loved hunting, fishing, camping, golfing, skiing, ice skating, grilling, hot tubbing, attending his kids sporting events and Bison games, a good bonfire, a trip to Menards, and a cold Bud Light. All of which he shared with his friends and family.

Everyone who has met him knows you were only a stranger once and a friend for life from then on. Pete's close friends saw him as a brother and he was a dear friend to all his family. His gentle eyes, infectious smile, and warm personality drew people in. He changed people's lives and all for the better. Whether it was as large as building someone the perfect home or as small as sharing a story over a cold one. Everywhere he went he made a significant impact on everyone.

He is survived by his wife: Rebecca, children: Thomas (26), Daniel (23), Hannah (19), and Samuel (17), brother: David, sisters: Delmae Larson, Laurie, Faye (Kevin) Paulsen, and numerous in-laws, nieces, and nephews.

Pete is preceded in death by his parents: Mary and Stanley, mother-in-law: Loretta Effertz, and brother-in-law: Kevin Cordill.

If you would like to donate on his behalf, the family has chosen the **Bismarck Cancer Center Foundation**.



In Loving Memory Of  
**Richard "Pete" Peterson**

December 12, 1960 — March 21, 2019

**Vigil Service** **Wednesday, March 27 2019; 7:00 PM**  
**Weigel Funeral Home**  
**Deacon Bob Wingenbach**

**Presider**  
**Funeral Liturgy** **Thursday, March 28, 2019; 11:00 AM**  
**Spirit of Life Catholic Church**  
**Celebrant** **Reverend Chris Kadrmas**  
**Concelebrants** **Reverend Todd Kreitinger and Reverend Peter Sharpe**  
**Musicians** **Jess Friesz & Janel Thomas**  
**Opening Song** *"Here I Am, Lord"*

**Liturgy of the Word**

Old Testament Reading	Job 38:4-11
Lector	Brad Dean
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 103
<i>"The Lord is kind and merciful."</i>	
New Testament Reading	Timothy 4:6-8
Lector	Jacob Effertz
Gospel Reading	John 11:21-27
Homily	

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

Preparation of Gifts Song	<i>"On Eagle's Wings"</i>
Presentation of Gifts	Adam Dean ~ Dusty Paulsen
Consecration of Eucharist	
Communion Songs	<i>"I Am the Bread of Life" &amp; "Prayer of St. Francis"</i>
Communion Meditation	<i>"God Alone"</i>
Final Commendation	<i>"Song of Farewell"</i>
Closing Song	<i>"Be Not Afraid"</i>

**Casket Bearers**

Dale Effertz ~ Kevin Paulsen ~ Bryan Dean ~ Bruce Malard  
Lonnie Sather ~ Todd Pretzer ~ Josh Larson ~ Matt Larson ~ David Peterson

**Interment will take place in the spring at Holy Cross Cemetery, Velva, ND**

*Following the service the family invites you for lunch and fellowship in the Activity Center.*

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