



## Lester G. Peterson

January 13, 1926 - August 21, 2017

Lester Gordon Peterson aged 91 of Carr Settlement began his journey in Heaven on August 21, 2017 at 8:45 p.m. surrounded with love by his family at Grand Oaks Nursing Center in Baldwin.

Lester was born on January 13, 1926 to Nels and Hilda (Larson) Peterson in his family's log cabin in Carr Settlement. He grew up on the family farm and served his country, joining the Army on April 21st, 1944, before finishing high school. Lester served during WWII where he helped build and provide security for bridges and roads throughout Europe with the 1263rd Combat Engineer Unit. He later joined the United States Air Force as an airplane mechanic and crew chief for many types of aircraft over his 21 years of service during the Korean and Vietnam Conflicts. He met the love of his life, Margaret Ann Brown, a beautiful young WAF (Women in the Air Force) while stationed in San Antonio, Texas. They met, fell in love, and were married in less than three weeks in Natalia, Texas on August 29, 1952. Lester's military career took them all over the world. He and Margaret were blessed with three children Linda Diane, Donna Marie, and Ronald Lynn. Lester retired from the Air Force in January 1968 and returned to the Peterson Centennial farm that belonged to his grandparents, where they raised their family. He worked for the Lake County Road Commission, retiring after 20 years of service. Lester has been an active and highly respected member of his community and loved by all that came across his path. He was one of a kind. No one could tell a better story or enjoy a good joke, even his own. He was the epitome of a husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, son, uncle, brother, and a friend. His loving spirit, kindness, honesty, gentle ways, and joy-filled life were appreciated by all.

Lester is survived by his one true love, wife Margaret, and his children Linda Diane Carroll and husband Steve of White Cloud, Donna Marie Austin and husband Scott of Algoma, WI, and Ronald Lynn Peterson and wife Lisa of Valley Springs, CA. He is also survived by his six grandchildren Karen Whelpley, Michelle (Jason) Austin-Willard, Kathy (John) Smith, Bob (Jennie) Beemer, Connie Austin, and Scott Peterson, his ten great-grandchildren: Alecia, Emily, Austin, Genevieve, Jacob, Avery, Joey, Bethany, Maggie, and Noah, his loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and his loving family of friends.

Lester was preceded in death by his parents, Nels and Hilda, his brother Frank, sisters Caroline and Helen, and nieces Bonita and Pat.

A Memorial service will be held for Lester at 11:00 am on Monday, August 28 at Evergreen Covenant Church, 7396 S. Evergreen Rd. Branch with Pastor Keith Foisy officiating. Burial will follow with honor guard rites at Evergreen Cemetery and a luncheon will take place at the Peacock VFW Post 5315 in Baldwin afterwards. Friends may meet with his family for a time of visitation on Monday morning from 10:00 am until time of service at the church.

Those who wish to make a donation in memory of Lester are asked to consider Grand Oaks Nursing Center in Baldwin, the Honor Flight for WWII Veterans, or the Lake County Historical Society.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

7000 South Evergreen Road  
Branch, MI 49402

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Evergreen Chapel  
7396 South Evergreen Road  
Branch, MI 49402

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss. Lester was a great man. I'll always remember his whole face smile twinkling eyes and great hugs! Also how much fun he and Margie had playing cards with my mom and dad, all the laughing, and teasing! He and my mom Paula are probably having a great time right now at a game of set back!  
Love, Michelle

Michelle Zych - August 26, 2017 at 11:21 AM



“ Linda and the rest of the family I am so sorry to hear of your loss my dad also sends his prayers

Betty Bauer - August 26, 2017 at 12:45 AM



should have told you dads name James Miller Vera's brother sorry

Betty Bauer - August 26, 2017 at 12:47 AM

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“ Lester was a caring, giving man. If someone needed something, Lester was first in line. His devotion to Margie was beyond question. He was a special man and I feel very fortunate that he and Margie touched my life.

Jeannie Lewis  
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Jeannie Lewis - August 24, 2017 at 11:14 PM

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“ Sorry for you loss Peterson Family. Lester was loved by many here at Grand Oaks Nursing Center. Everyone will miss him deeply. What a kind and Friendly Man. Love the story he would tell of how he met his Wife. What a wonderful Family! I will pray for your family in this difficult time.

Christine Engels  
Activity Director "Grand Oaks Nursing Center"

Christine Engels - August 24, 2017 at 11:34 AM