



## Walter "Red" M. Peterson

April 5, 1952 - August 23, 2015

Walter "Red" M. Peterson, age 63, of Glendive, Montana, passed away on Sunday, August 23, 2015 at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. A Family and Friends Service will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at the Evangelical Church of North America in Glendive with Jim McBride and Jim O'Connor officiating. Interment will be held in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Walt was born on April 5, 1952 in Bowman, North Dakota, a son of George Leroy and Joan Vaudys (Tatro) Peterson. The Peterson family moved to Glendive in 1960, where Walt was raised and educated, graduating from Dawson County High School with the class of 1970. Following high school, Walt attended Dawson Community College where he was on the first Rodeo Club riding Saddle Bronc and Bareback. After college, Walt worked several construction jobs before starting his life career with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad in 1979. Walt was a brakeman and worked his way up to an Engineer before retiring in 2012.

Walt met and later married Sue Wimmer on October 8, 1988 and to this union a beautiful daughter, Katelyn Marie was born. Walt enjoyed playing the guitar and listening to an array of music, golfing, sailing, skiing, fishing and scuba-

diving. He was a very handy man and craftsman. He loved spending time with his family and friends, he especially loved getting to watch his daughter in all of her events and activities. Walt was always up to teasing people, especially his daughter and nieces. He was a member of the Brotherhood Locomotive Engineers and a member of the Evangelical Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Peterson.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Peterson of Glendive and their daughter, Katelyn of Bozeman, Montana; mother, Joan Peterson of Mobridge, South Dakota; sister, Penny Hegel and her husband, Pat of Glendive; nieces, Trish Hegel and her daughter, Brooklyn, and Meg Ziegler and her husband, Tom of Glendive and their children, Keagen, Jacob and Aubrey; mother-and father-in-law, Leith and Anne Wimmer of Glasgow, Montana; brothers and sisters-in-law, Leith Wimmer of Helena, Chuck Wimmer and his wife, Becky of Havre, Montana and Sandy Nichols and her husband, John of Escondido, California and their children, Andre, Quinn and Liam; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorials are suggested to the Gift of Life Transplant House at: [www.gift-of-life.org](http://www.gift-of-life.org), Glendive Library or charity of ones choice.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Dawson County Cemetery

Corner of North Sargent Ave. and East Allard  
Street  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **25.** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home  
221 North Meade Avenue  
Glendive, MT 59330

## Visitation

AUG **25.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana  
221 N. Meade Avenue  
P.O. Box 848  
Glendive, MT 59330  
(406) 377-2622  
silha@midrivers.com  
<https://www.silhafuneralhomes.com>

## Family & Friends Service

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AUG 25. 7:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana  
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## Service

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AUG 26. 11:00 AM (MT)

Glendive Evangelical Church  
118 W Borden St  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Tribute Wall



“ *Walter "Red" M. Peterson*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Sharon Wetsch lit a candle in memory of  
Walter "Red" M. Peterson*



**Sharon Wetsch** - August 30, 2015 at 09:34 AM



“ *I remember Red as a tough football lineman & a nice person.  
Thoughts & prayers are with his family.  
Jim Dougherty*

**Jim Carol** - August 26, 2015 at 02:23 PM



“ *Many fond memories sitting around a campfire under a starry  
Makoshika sky, playing guitars and singing into the night, and Red's  
warm smiling face...always smiling....  
What a sincerely sweet hearted man he was, and our thoughts and  
prayers go out to his family and friends, and all who were lucky to  
have known him.  
Dixie and Larry Hart*

**Dixie and Larry Hart** - August 26, 2015 at 02:04 PM

JJ

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you all...



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**Jane jarvis** - August 26, 2015 at 12:11 PM

TM

“ Sue, my deepest sympathies to you and your family. Mom just shared the news with me. There are no words that can make this easy, just take one day at a time, one step at a time and one minute at a time.

-Tonya McDonnell

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**Tonya McDonnell** - August 26, 2015 at 11:09 AM

MG

“ 3 files added to the album New Album Name



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**Marianne Granlie** - August 26, 2015 at 09:26 AM

CK

“ Sue, Katelyn, Joan, Penny..... We were sorry to hear of your loss and will keep you our prayers.

Jerry and Carol Kittler

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**Carol Kittler** - August 26, 2015 at 02:06 AM

IH

*Penny and pat, so sorry to hear of your loss. Iona and Jerry*

**Iona & Jerry Hegel** - August 26, 2015 at 11:04 AM

BR

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you, may you be comforted by all of your treasured memories. God Bless!*

*Brenda, Bob and Ian Ray  
Laurel, MT*

**Brenda Ray** - August 26, 2015 at 02:59 PM

DG

*“ walt and i were in the same brakeman class in 1979 - i always enjoyed his company, he was a good friend, and we shared a love for skiing and good sounding guitars. his unpretentious, good nature will be missed. condolences to his family - dennis*

**dennis getz** - August 25, 2015 at 10:17 PM

BH

*“ Bob Hodous lit a candle in memory of Walter "Red" M. Peterson*



**Bob Hodous** - August 25, 2015 at 08:27 PM

CA

*“ Sue and family, very sorry to hear of Walt's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of grief. Candy Austby*

**Candy Austby** - August 25, 2015 at 05:17 PM

DN

“*Walt was one of my best friends for over 40 years. In years past we did a lot together like played tennis, bow hunted, bird hunted, jogged, fished, swam, played on the same basketball team and just visiting with each other was nice. One of the greatest things I remember about Walt was his laughter. We were always doing and saying things that made each other laugh and sometimes to the point of tearing up.*

*I along with many others will miss Walt for the kind, generous, caring and straight forward friend that he was. Dale Nyberg*

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**Dale Nyberg** - August 25, 2015 at 04:04 PM

MK

“*Mark And Doris Kapfer lit a candle in memory of Walter "Red" M. Peterson*



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**Mark and Doris Kapfer** - August 25, 2015 at 03:31 PM



“*Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Walter "Red" M. Peterson.*



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August 25, 2015 at 01:34 PM

DB

“ *Doug And Mari Brant lit a candle in memory of Walter "Red" M. Peterson*



**Doug and Mari Brant** - August 25, 2015 at 11:56 AM

JC

“ *John Casey lit a candle in memory of Walter "Red" M. Peterson*



**John Casey** - August 25, 2015 at 11:05 AM

JC

*One of a kind, dear old friend, you will be missed.*

**John Casey** - August 25, 2015 at 11:06 AM

MH

*I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Walt. Sue, Katie and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Mel Herring** - August 26, 2015 at 02:32 PM

CP

“ *WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR OF WALT'S PASSING. KNOW THAT YOU ARE ALL IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. CHERISH ALL THE FOND MEMORIES.*

**CHERISE & CLINT PATTERSON** - August 25, 2015 at 09:20 AM

JG

“ *Jerry Geiger lit a candle in memory of Walter "Red" M. Peterson*



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**Jerry Geiger** - August 25, 2015 at 08:58 AM

BA

“ *Bill And Joyce Ayre lit a candle in memory of Walter "Red" M. Peterson*



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**Bill and Joyce Ayre** - August 24, 2015 at 10:01 PM

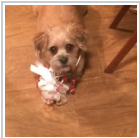
CC

“ *Cody and Amanda Christians purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Walter "Red" M. Peterson.*



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**Cody and Amanda Christians** - August 24, 2015 at 06:07 PM



“ *My sincere sympathies to Sue, Katy, Penny, and the rest of 'Red's' family. He was such a kind and considerate man. Hold your memories close to help you through this very hard time.*



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**Sandy Snow** - August 24, 2015 at 06:00 PM

RA

“ Rolly Barb Anvik lit a candle in memory of Walter "Red" M. Peterson



Rolly Barb Anvik - August 24, 2015 at 04:54 PM

KM

“ Oh my, I have exceptional memories of Red and his ready smile. He was a classmate of mine both at DCHS and DCC and always a good friend and person. What a loss!

Kathy Newton McLane - August 24, 2015 at 04:08 PM

RR

“ Rhett And Pearl Richter lit a candle in memory of Walter "Red" M. Peterson



Rhett and Pearl Richter - August 24, 2015 at 03:15 PM

FP

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Keeping all of your family in our prayers.



Frank and Maryann Poteat - August 24, 2015 at 02:22 PM

SV

“ Steve & Laurie Vetter lit a candle in memory of Walter "Red" M. Peterson



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**Steve & Laurie Vetter** - August 24, 2015 at 01:13 PM

TK

“ Todd Knispel lit a candle in memory of Walter "Red" M. Peterson



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**Todd Knispel** - August 24, 2015 at 12:08 PM

BS

“ Bob And Kristie Stanhope lit a candle in memory of Walter "Red" M. Peterson



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**Bob and Kristie Stanhope** - August 24, 2015 at 11:53 AM

RA

“Walt "Red" Peterson, has been one of my very Best friends for as long as I can remember. We had many good times as kids, and grew closer as the years went by. "Gentle" is one of the best descriptions that can be applied to Walt. He was always quiet, and loyal to anyone who ever had the good fortune to meet or know him. While I was in the Navy, The Uptown motel (where I grew up) was robbed, Walt saw the police cars there, stopped and as my Dad was out of town working, refused to leave my Mother alone. He helped to calm my mother and slept on the couch till the next morning so she would not be alone. He has always been very dear to me, and I will miss our regular weekly visits terribly. His love and Devotion to his Wife Sue, and the Pride in and love of his Daughter Katy were some of his most enduring traits. To Joan, Penny and Pat, and rest of his family and friends, Barb and I send our Prayers and Condolences. Walt, We will think of you often, and always remember the Good times we have had together. Love you Buddy, and give your Dad a hug from me.....

Rolly and Barb Anvik - August 24, 2015 at 11:21 AM

MC

A part of our heart has left us. Walt, Sue and Katelyn have always been a big part of our family and they took us in and included us in theirs. So many good memories and times we have shared. Walt was always ready with a cup of his good coffee and conversation. He was a true friend, always ready to help whenever we needed anything. He will always be counted as one of our many blessings.  
Morris and Evelyn V.

Morris and Evelyn Van Campen - August 25, 2015 at 11:54 AM

DJ

so sad to hear this news last time I saw Red was in forsyth we were both still railroading me out of Sheridan him glendive we always managed a laugh or two over high school days and the time we had at DCHS what a loss Dennis (jake) Jacobsen

dennis jacobson - August 25, 2015 at 12:13 PM

DB

*Red was a super nice guy. Just saw him at the fair. Hugs and prayers to all of you who loved him so much*

**Dennis Cindi Byron** - August 25, 2015 at 06:29 PM

TL

*Sue, Katie & family, Our Deepest, Heartfelt Sympathy is with you & your loved ones at this difficult time. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all! Terry & Cathy*

**Terry & Cathy Lobdell** - August 26, 2015 at 08:27 AM

SB

*So sorry to hear of Red's passing. Many a good time in Glendive at DCHS and DCC with Walt and his calm and easy going spirit. Great guy, and a great loss for friends and family.  
Sandy (Manegold) Birkholz*

**Sandy Birkholz** - August 28, 2015 at 04:48 PM