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Edmore - Lee Robert Peterson, age 96, passed away on Thursday, April 7, 2022, at Woodland Hospice House in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Lee was born in Edmore, Michigan on September 17, 1925, to Robert and Thelma (Byer) Peterson. He graduated in 1943 from Edmore High School. Lee was drafted and began serving with the US Navy in 1944, during WWII. He was a Radioman third class on the USS Estes, mostly in the Pacific Theater. In the fall of 1946, Lee attended Central Michigan University before transferring to Michigan State College in 1949. He received a Bachelor of Art Degree in 1950 and went on to obtain a Master of Art Degree in 1952. He began farming in 1947 just north of Edmore, Michigan. Lee married Janet Virginia Swetnam on June 21, 1958. He and Janet raised three children, William, Janet, and Robert, and were lifetime residents of Edmore, Michigan. One of Lee's many passions was planting trees.

In October 2017, the State of Michigan recognized Lee with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Montcalm County Conservation District. He has planted well over 100,000 trees since the beginning of his farm.

Lee is survived by his daughter Janet (Gary Thornsbury) Peterson, son Robert (Jane Hansen) Peterson, daughter-in-law Ileen (Himbaugh) Peterson, grandchildren Nathen Peterson, Ryan and Sidney (Lint) Peterson, sister-in-law Mary Lou Peterson.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Thelma Peterson, wife Janet (Swetnam) Peterson, son William Peterson, brother Calvin Peterson, and sister Mary Wilcox.

The family will greet friends and family Wednesday, April 13, 2022, from 5:00 - 8:00 P.M. at the Brigham Funeral Chapel in Edmore, Michigan. Interment at Vinewood Cemetery will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Faith United Methodist Church in Edmore, MI.



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Condolences to the family may be made utilizing the guestbook at www.brighamfuneralchapel.com.



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LB

Lee Bassett posted:

I enjoyed the conversations we had when Lee Robert came into my barber shop. I will miss those opportunities of the wisdoms he shared with me. Prayers and condolences to his family.

April 11 at 8:00 PM

RN

Robert Nisonger posted:

Lee Robert was a role model who guided me in my youth. He taught me that hard work and persistence pays off. I am forever in his debt for the worth ethics that he taught me. Robert(Mike) Nisonger.

April 11 at 8:00 PM

CS

Christina Stickler posted:

Lee was a great friend to my family. He was a generous man with a big heart. He will be greatly missed in the neighborhood. To his family, my prayers and condolences.

April 11 at 8:00 PM

TS

Tribute Store shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Dear Peterson family, We send heartfelt condolences to you. We loved Lee Robert. Warmly, Ben J. Petterson (Beth), Barbie (David), Ruthie, Lisa (Jimmy)

April 11 at 8:00 PM



BP

Becky Bott-Prominski posted:

So sorry for your loss. Sending hug out to you and family

April 11 at 8:00 PM

PW

Pete Wilcox posted:

You may be gone from our sight, but never from our hearts! Love, Pete Wilcox & Jennifer Wilcox-Oliveira; nephew & niece

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KF

Kay Frase posted:

Your parents were part of my childhood and I remember them both from church. May your memories of your dad be a comfort to you and your families.

April 11 at 8:00 PM

JW

Jim Wonsey posted:

YOU WERE A GREAT MAN LEE ROBERT I ALWAYS THOUGHT VERY HIGHLY OF YOU AND ALWAYS ENJOYED OUR VISITS.... PRAYERS SENT..... JIM WONSEY OF EDMORE

April 10 at 8:00 PM

MP

Mistina Carol Pannell posted:

Such a pleasure each time we spent time with you. You were such an accomplished and articulate gentleman. Thank you for being such a role model for your children and grandchildren, it gave them goals to attain. You broke the mold Lee!!

April 10 at 8:00 PM

AP

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Lee Robert Peterson posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Brigham Funeral Chapel - Edmore

April 10 at 8:00 PM

AS

Anthony Stickler posted:

I can not remember not knowing Lee. He was a very generous man, He would share what he raised in his garden with his friends and neighbors. He cut his own wood into his 90's. And planted pine tree's up till a couple years ago. He was a very active man up till the end. I learned alot from him.

April 10 at 8:00 PM

YI

Your Friends At Farm Services Inc. shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

May your memories of Lee bring you peace and comfort.

April 10 at 8:00 PM





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MB

Matt Boschma posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the whole Peterson family. I am so thankful for both the stories and wisdom Lee shared with me through the years.

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CP

Carol And Gary Pannell shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Our sympathy and prayers for you and your family. We admired your dad Lee so very much. Love you Janet. Gary and Carol Pannell, Memphis TN



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lee by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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