



## John David "Dave" Peterson

September 12, 1943 - May 5, 2026

John David "Dave" Peterson was called home to the loving arms of his Savior on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 after a longtime battle with prostate cancer. Through it all, he maintained an unwavering spirit of joy and optimism, while relying on the Lord for strength and peace.

Dave was born in Henderson, Nevada on September 12, 1943, to his late parents, John Chester Russell "Pete" Peterson and Elaine Ballard. He had fond memories of his childhood, playing alongside his brothers, Raymond (d. 2023) and Marc, and their many beloved cousins. He met his lifelong sweetheart, Judy McIntyre, at BYU, and married her June 4, 1966, in the Los Angeles Temple – dedicating their lives to each other and their family for almost 60 years.

A most notable characteristic was Dave's love and devotion to his Savior, Jesus Christ. As a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he served in the Central States Mission from 1962-64, beginning his lifelong discipleship as a missionary, teacher, minister and friend. Although he served in many capacities, his true gift was seeking the "one". His hand of fellowship and generous acts of service had a significant impact on countless lives. Later in life, he served a mission at the Granite Mountain Records Vault, in addition to investing time in temple and family history work.

Dave (a.k.a. "No Leak") was a well-respected master plumbing contractor and pipefitter who also taught for many years at the Local 525 Union Apprenticeship Program. He worked in the Las Vegas area for over 28 years before moving to Utah, where he eventually retired. A saying of his was, "Plumbers can fix everything!" And in his case, it was true. As a skilled craftsman he had an eye for perfection and could build and fix anything. He loved a good competition, but also had a way of making everything fun. Some of his favorite hobbies included fishing, golfing, playing cards with family and slalom water skiing (which he enjoyed into his mid 60's). Many will remember him singing behind a guitar, and his ability to find a harmony to any song. In his later years, he and Judy developed a passion for travel, exploring the world with dear friends and family.

Above all, Dave's most treasured accomplishment was his family. He had a unique way of making every one of his children, grandchildren and extended family feel valued and loved. If there was any special or significant moment in his family's life, he was there. He was a natural mentor, always taking every opportunity to pass down any wisdom, skill or talent he had to offer his family. His sheer goodness and exemplary faith will provide a firm foundation for generations to come.

Carrying on Dave's legacy, are his eternal companion, Judy; his 4 children, Bret (Tammy) Peterson, Kimber (Terry) Stratton, Tiffany (Eric) Porter, Crystal (Ryan) Theriault, (John Roy); his 18 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; his brother, Marc; and many other cherished family members, including nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws.

Visitation will be held on Monday, May 18, from 11:30 AM to 12:45 PM, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 12682 S Starlite Hill Ln, Herriman, UT 84096. The funeral service will follow at 1 PM.



# Cemetery Details

## Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park

3401 S Highland Drive  
Salt Lake City, UT 84106

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 18.** 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM (MT)

Pioneer 10th Ward  
12682 South Starlite Hills Lane  
Herriman, UT 84096

## Funeral Service

**MAY 18.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Pioneer 10th Ward  
12682 South Starlite Hills Lane  
Herriman, UT 84096

## Graveside Service

**MAY 18.** 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park  
3401 S Highland Drive  
Salt Lake City, UT 84106



# Tribute Wall

BT

“ Love you Dave. Such a good and kind neighbor and friend on Countrywood drive for 10 years.  
What a blessing to have you in our lives!!  
Keep an eye out for us please.

Brad Tate - May 18 at 12:05 PM

JP

I was so touched you came to the services. Thank you for your support and Love

Judith McIntyre Peterson - May 23 at 11:12 PM

LG

“ This breaks my heart. Dave and Judy were best friends of my parents when I was growing up. So many sweet memories. I imagine my parents (Bob & Marie Leavitt) were both there to welcome him home. My prayers are with his family.

Lori Gull - May 16 at 06:16 PM

JP

Thank you for the sweet message. Absolutely loved your parents and remembering Bob and Dave playing guitars and singing. so fun

Judith McIntyre Peterson - May 23 at 11:13 PM



“ I worked with him in the plumbing world and that was good but I really enjoyed our long talks about the gospel while we drove to work, Thank you Dave.

David Nielsen - May 16 at 05:03 PM

JP

*Thank you door the wonderful tribute to Dave. He would love this so much*

**Judith McIntyre Peterson** - May 23 at 11:14 PM

AA

“ *Such a fine man. Did a kindness for me and my husband in fixing a plumbing problem and helped hang some curtains. He was full of laughter and smiles! His wife, Judy, was my sister from another mother until she parted. They were gracious and always made me feel loved. He will be missed. But now he’s young and healthy and running free with his family in heaven. ❤️❤️*

**Alaina Anderson** - May 16 at 04:25 PM

JP

*Thank you, dear Alaina. What kind sweet words. Love to you*

**Judith McIntyre Peterson** - May 23 at 11:15 PM

TS

“ *We feel so blessed to have known and loved Grandpa Dave. What a force for good he is. His kind words and warm hugs were always a welcome addition to every event. Over the many years we’ve known Dave we’ve been the lucky recipient of his ability to make each person he’d be speaking with feel loved and known. The spark in his blue eyes and his light hearted mannerisms made you instantly relax. For us, meetings would always be in association with Kimber’s children. The love and joy he showed as a grand parent left me with life goals. Grateful to know that I will see him again and that all his children and grand children have gained a capable and attentive guardian angel.*

**Tammie and Tracy Stratton** - May 13 at 11:23 PM

JP

*Wonderful sweet words and a beautiful tribute. Thank you so much*

**Judith McIntyre Peterson** - May 23 at 11:16 PM

FL

“*Dave aka “Grandpa Dave” to our family and kids always made us feel so loved from the day we became a part of this amazing family. I’ve always admired and looked up to Dave and he has always been a spiritual giant in my eyes. Or as the kids say “he’s the G.O.A.T.” Dave always took the opportunity to share his genuine interest in our family. So many great times playing games, having good laughs, playing guitar, and the great talks. Dave always made you feel so loved and important when you were with him. Sending all of our love and hugs to Judy and the Peterson family. We love you Dave!*”

**Fred Ledford** - May 12 at 07:01 PM

CT

*Such fun memories through the years. Our dad loved his Ledford Family! Thanks for sharing!*

**Crystal Theriault** - May 13 at 12:50 PM

JP

*Thank you dear Fred, Dave loved you and your family. I also love you. So glad you have been part of our family*

**Judith McIntyre Peterson** - May 23 at 11:18 PM

JW

“*I can’t share a memory about Dave without Judy. Two people who I respect and love so much for their integrity and loyalty. It started with a precedent, setting lawsuit and ended with many years of memories and friendship. What a beautiful family you have and we love you all so much. Julia and Craig Whetman*”

**Julia Whetman** - May 11 at 09:17 PM

CT

*Thanks Julia. We love you!*

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**Crystal Theriault** - May 12 at 04:38 PM

SP

“ *In my lifetime, I’ve learned there are many “Types” of people . \* Good. \*Bad \* Outstanding \* Needs Help !! Then there are the “Best of the Best” !*

*That was Dave Peterson! & ,*

*It was an honor to have known him!*

*I salute his memory, & send love, respect to his family!*

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**S. Perkins** - May 11 at 06:43 PM

CT

*Aunt Sali, you join the ranks of the “Best of the Best!” Thanks for all the love!*

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**Crystal Theriault** - May 12 at 04:44 PM

VF

*Judy and I have been dear friends since high school, and I met Dave just after they got married. Loved his smile, his laugh and boy, did Dave and Judy make a fabulous family together! Will always be grateful to him for spending countless of hours researching my family background back to the 1700’s! I knew nothing about them as my parents were only children and knew little if anything about their roots. Ended up finding out my father’s family was from a small town in Germany 15km from where my firm had an office which I had visited frequently. What a gift. Love to Judy and the entire family. Vicki Freimann*

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**Vicki Freimann** - May 17 at 07:33 PM