



Elizabeth "Bette" Peterson

September 7, 1933 - August 6, 2025

The funeral service celebrating the life of Elizabeth "Bette" Peterson of Wadena, will be held at 11:00a.m. on Friday, August 15, at the Verndale Community Church in Verndale, with Pastor Ken Uhren presiding. Visitation will be at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena on Thursday, from 5:00 until 7:00p.m. and will continue at the church on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be in Green Lawn Cemetery, Verndale, MN.

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You are invited to watch the service via live-stream by going to Schuller Family Funeral Homes' Facebook Page or YouTube Page

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Bette, age 91, passed away on August 6, 2025, at St. Williams Living Center in Parkers Prairie, MN.

Elizabeth "Bette" was born to Michael and Mae (Tranby) Kempe at their home in Bluffton, MN, on September 7, 1933 and was baptized three days later at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. She completed high school in Verndale with the Class of 1951. Bette married Donald Palmer Peterson of Barron, WI, on February 17, 1968, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Verndale. She was employed as a head teller in the banking industry having worked at F&M Bank in New York Mills, two banks in Denver, CO, 1st Bank in Minneapolis, Franklin Bank, Virginia Bank and US Bank before retiring in 1988.

Away from work, Bette spent time hunting, fishing, playing cards, piecing together picture puzzles, and she had an eye for cars. Most of all, Bette enjoyed being with her family, friends and church family. Her favorite title was "Aunt Bette". She devoted time to the England Prairie Pioneer Club, the Verndale and the Wadena Historical Societies, and with the US Bank Retiree volunteers. In addition, Bette was an active member and bookkeeper at the Wadena Senior Citizen Center.

Preceding Bette in death were her husband, Don (2004); parents, Michael and Mae; brother Robert and wife Betty Kempe; and parents-in-law, Palmer and Marie (Olson) Peterson.

Surviving Bette are her nephews Brad (Mary Dee) Kempe of Verndale and Rodney (Brenda) Kempe of Hewitt and their families; along with extended family, neighbors and friends.

Honorary casket bearers will be Bette's cousins.

Serving as casket bearers will be Jason Kempe, Ryan Kempe, John Kempe, David Wenker, Logan Voge and Eugene Boelz.

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

16277 120th Street
1st Ave./ Co Rd 104 (1 mile west of Verndale)
Verndale, MN 56481

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Visitation

AUG 15. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Verndale Community Church
213 Farwell St S
Verndale, MN 56481

Service

AUG 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

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213 Farwell St S
Verndale, MN 56481

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Elizabeth "Bette" Peterson*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - August 13, 2025 at 03:42 PM

SS

Keep Bette in your heart and her star will always shine.

Sally Siegler - August 13, 2025 at 09:14 PM

AD

“ *Audrey Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Elizabeth "Bette" Peterson*



Audrey Davis - August 12, 2025 at 12:24 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Bette" Peterson.*



August 12, 2025 at 09:25 AM

AP

“ *Bette was a wonderful friend....we were in homemakers - BUZZIN DUZZIN together for many years.....had coffee etc. at McDonalds (a favorite meeting place..She was involved at the Senior Center....doing some bookwork, playing cards and bingo... I will miss her...Rest in peace Bette*

Arleen Paulson - August 10, 2025 at 07:50 PM

JB

“ *Joan Brauch sent a virtual gift in memory of Elizabeth "Bette" Peterson*



Joan Brauch - August 10, 2025 at 07:39 PM

KA

“ *She was a great friend to my mom and to me and my family. My earliest memories of her is hunting for pheasants and raccoons with my parents. She loved her cats and was a wonderful person.*

Kurt Ament - August 09, 2025 at 08:28 PM

WS

“ Such a beautiful n amazing lady!! I loved when Bette would share stories w me growing up neighbors to my Dad. I admire how she always did SO MUCH for all, including sharing her delicious caramels w us all!! Will sure miss giving you hugs in church, Bette! Excited we can be reunited w you in heaven by God's great gift of Salvation, can't wait to see you again❤️ Our sincere sympathy, love n prayers for comfort to Brad, Mary, Rod, Brenda and families...she loves you each so dearly!!



Wayne and Sheila Stave - August 09, 2025 at 06:38 PM

TB

“ She is a great lady.Remembering all the times that I count money after church many times with her. ALSO she was our treasurer for the church ladies aid group. Sending prayers for her family. Tilly and Chet Bergstrom

Tilly Bergstrom - August 09, 2025 at 12:53 PM

DH

“ Darrell & Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Bette" Peterson



Darrell & Peggy Haman - August 09, 2025 at 12:50 PM

BF

“ *Barb Fransen lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Bette" Peterson*



Barb Fransen - August 08, 2025 at 11:30 PM

JA

“ *Joan Ament lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Bette" Peterson*



Joan Ament - August 08, 2025 at 08:53 PM

SS

“ *Bette will be missed because of who she was. She spoke with kindness and lived her life on friendships. Her loss feels heavy. Wish I knew her longer. She brought so much spirit to the Senior Center here in Wadena. She did more than put large puzzles together. She made us feel that life was not so serious and there should always be time for talk and desserts. She brought us all so much joy and laughter and even sauerkraut. She was one of a kind....one of the good ones. Smile down on us Bette and shout BINGO once in a while!!!*



Sally Siegler - August 08, 2025 at 08:48 PM

LH

“ *Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Bette" Peterson*



Leo Haisman - August 08, 2025 at 02:25 PM



“ *Rocky Reese lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Bette" Peterson*



Rocky Reese - August 08, 2025 at 01:13 PM

JE

“ *Judy Erdahl lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Bette" Peterson*



Judy Erdahl - August 08, 2025 at 09:28 AM

EF

“ *Esther and Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Bette" Peterson*



Esther and Alan Freitag - August 08, 2025 at 12:21 AM

MH

“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Bette" Peterson*



Marladene Heinen - August 07, 2025 at 09:06 PM

GD

“ *Keeping Bette's family in our thoughts and prayers 🙏*



George and Julie Deiss - August 07, 2025 at 05:46 PM

VB

“ *Veronica Bondzn lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Bette" Peterson*



Veronica Bondzn - August 07, 2025 at 05:02 PM

VW

Bette, you were such an example of living life to the fullest. Your happy & caring ways will be truly missed. Living next door to Bette was great. We would sit on my patio or hers & visit. She wonderful stories about her life to tell. She loved her family so much, appreciating everything they did for her. I'd watch as she filled bird feeders to make sure she got back in the house safely. We both enjoyed watching the wildlife in our back yards. Rest in peace Bette in the loving care of our heavenly father. Thanks to the family for being so good to her. Prayers go out to you for healing.

Vicki Witt - August 14, 2025 at 10:36 PM