

God's Garden

God looked around His garden, and He found an empty place. He then looked down upon this earth, and saw your tired face. He put His arms around you, and lifted you to rest; God's garden must be beautiful, He takes only the best. He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain, He knew that you would never get well on earth again. So He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered "Peace be thine." It broke our hearts to lose you but you did not go alone; for part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

In Loving Memory of

Catherine June Peterson

June 12, 1934 ~ September 23, 2026

Funeral Service
Reliance Methodist Hall, Reliance, SD
2:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 30, 2026

Officiating
Pastor Kevin Myers

Register Book
Harolynn Peterson
Bernice Klein

Music

In The Garden
Old Rugged Cross

Casketbearers

Eric Peterson
Zachary Peterson
John Uthe
Shaynn Langenbau
Luke Peterson
Aaron Lillebo
Jaydin Sorensen
Connor Lillebo

Honorary Bearers
All Her Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

Interment
Reliance Cemetery, Reliance, SD

The family invites everyone for refreshments & fellowship back at the church hall following the committal services.

***Arrangements By**: Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD*

Catherine June Peterson, 92, of Kennebec, SD passed away peacefully on September 23, 2026 at Aurora Brule Nursing Care and Rehab in White Lake, SD.

Catherine was born June 12, 1934 at home north of Reliance, SD, the first child of Arnold and Karoline (Drafahl) Schaefer. Catherine grew up on the farm and attended South Cloud School.

Catherine was united in marriage to Walter Peterson on November 20, 1952. Walter passed away in 1969.

She raised six children by working various jobs around Reliance and Kennebec. The job she enjoyed the most was working at King's Motel. She and Vicki were very close.

Catherine cherished her grandchildren and great grandchildren. They always made her smile. They enjoyed many bowls of ice cream together.

Catherine was a proud member of the American Legion Auxiliary, receiving her 70 years Star three years ago. She never missed a Legion breakfast, biscuits and gravy were her favorite.

Gratefully sharing her life are her sons Leland (Sarah) Calvin, and Kent; daughters Teresa (Chet) Hamer and Ronda Peterson; grandchildren Jamie, Jennifer, Danielle, Eric (Kristie), Luke (Samantha), Zachary (Lacy), Jesse (Mandy), Brooke (Meagan), Ashley (Aaron), Kristen (John), Renae (Bob), and Dylon; numerous great grandchildren; brothers Dalbert (Mary), Wes (Judy); brothers-in-law Rollie Hoppe and Roland Peterson; sisters-in-law Peggy Schaefer and Shirley Schaefer; and many other relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband Walter, son Arthur, grandson James, daughter-in-law Laurie, brothers Arnold Jr., Ronald, Leonard, Kenneth, and Gary; sisters Ruth Schaefer and Carolyn Hoppe.

