



*Somewhere in the stars tonight there is a brand new light.
It's shining down from Heaven saying, "Everything's all right".
It's watching over you and me to help us find our way.
It's glistening in the moonlight somehow trying to say,
Remember, when you're lonely or you are feeling sad,
To treasure all the memories and the happy times we had.
For I am always with you, I live inside your heart.
And through the love that we shared, we'll never be apart.
For as the wind blows through the trees,
You'll hear my voice telling you
That I'm right here beside you in everything you do.
And the crunching of the leaves,
may be my footsteps that you hear
As I try to remind you that I am always near.
Wherever this life takes you, I'm never far behind.
Just look around and listen, and I'm sure you'll find,
I'm with you every moment. I'm never far behind.
So when the tears start falling, and sadness fills your heart,
Just close your eyes and think of me,
And we will never part.*

~ Author Unknown

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Wayne Arlin Peterson

WHO WAS BORN

July 21, 1939
Prior Township, Big Stone County, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

February 23, 2026
Ortonville, Minnesota

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, March 7, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.
Mundwiler & Larson Funeral Home Chapel
Ortonville, Minnesota

CLERGY

Pastor Dave Tonn

READERS

Matt Sieverding | Rebecca Peterson | Samantha Thompson
Jessica Sieverding | Kayla Peterson

MUSICIAN

Elizabeth Bakkeland, Vocalist

URN BEARERS

All of Longhorn's Grandchildren:
Darren Peterson | Ashley Payton | Michael Dennis
Alexis Tanner | Jessica Sieverding | Jake Henrichs
Kayla Peterson | Curtis Peterson | Samantha Thompson
Rebecca Peterson | Heath Peterson

INURNMENT

Holden Lutheran Church Cemetery
Beardsley, Minnesota
At A Later Date

APPRECIATION

Longhorn's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.
Following the memorial service, please join the family for a
time of fellowship and refreshments.

Mundwiler & Larson Funeral Home - Ortonville, Minnesota

Wayne Arlin Peterson was born on July 21, 1939, in Prior Township of Big Stone County, MN, to Adolph and Verna (Nagel) Peterson. Wayne's roots were deeply embedded in the land he loved and nurtured throughout his life.

A life-long member of the Holden Lutheran Church, Wayne was baptized on July 12, 1941, and confirmed on July 13, 1952. He attended school in Beardsley, MN, and graduated with the Class of 1958 from Beardsley High School. Shortly after, Wayne was united in marriage to Nancy Meyers, and together they welcomed four children into their lives.

Growing up alongside his father, Adolph, Wayne began his farming career, where he honed his skills and passion for agriculture. Known for raising Longhorn cattle, he cherished the opportunity to introduce his grandchildren to the excitement of their first visits to the sale barn. Wayne dedicated himself to a life of farming, establishing his own homestead and engaging in custom combining, reflecting his unwavering commitment to agriculture and the land.

Beyond his farming pursuits, Wayne found joy in riding motorcycles, hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling. His travels, particularly to the breathtaking landscapes of Colorado. He had a knack for discovering old horse-drawn wagons to take with him to sell on his trips to Colorado. Wayne also took advantage in visiting with Sandy and Tony before he would venture home. He enjoyed the camaraderie of poker runs on Big Stone Lake and his adventurous spirit shone through in his love for building and customizing, including a beloved dune buggy that he delighted in driving around. Wayne had a Cadillac adorned with a pair of longhorns on the hood—a fitting tribute to his personality. He was remembered for always keeping gum or peppermints in his pocket, a small but thoughtful gesture that brought smiles to those around him.

A true social butterfly, Wayne was known far and wide, weaving connections and friendships throughout the community. He found great pleasure in watching his grandchildren at their sporting or school events and was always eager to share a conversation over coffee and cookies.

Surviving Wayne are his children: Doug (Sis) Peterson of Beardsley, MN; Val (Steve) Henrichs of Ortonville, MN; Curt (Lisa) Peterson of Beardsley, MN; and Brent (Katie) Peterson of Ortonville, MN; 11 grandchildren: Darren Peterson, Ashley (Jay) Payton, Micheal (Ieva) Dennis, Alexis Tanner, Jessica (Matthew) Sieverding, Jake Henrichs, Kayla Peterson (Richie Alama), Curtis Peterson, Samantha (Dan) Thompson, Rebecca Peterson (Chase Wedekind), and Heath Peterson (Brianna); 18 great-grandchildren; and cousins: Sissy Kvatum and David Peterson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Adolph and Verna Peterson.

In Loving

M E M O R Y



Wayne "Longhorn" Peterson

1939 - 2026

Please use this QR Code to view

Longhorn's online obituary, tribute video and guestbook.

