



Patricia Lou Peterson

August 26, 1931 - December 29, 2025

Patricia Lou Peterson, age 94, of Novi, formerly of Royal Oak, passed away peacefully on December 29, 2025.

Patricia was born to Hazel and Norris Wiltse and raised in Ypsilanti, Michigan. She graduated from Ypsilanti High School and went on to earn her bachelor's degree from Michigan Normal College, now known as Eastern Michigan University. On July 31, 1954, she wed Noel L. Peterson in Ypsilanti, beginning a devoted and loving partnership that spanned over seventy-one years.

Following college, Patricia taught kindergarten classes at an elementary school in East Lansing for six years. After her time in education, she chose to devote herself fully to her family as a homemaker.

Music was a lifelong passion for Patricia. An accomplished pianist, she loved music and shared her talent generously. During both high school and college, she performed as part of a jazz trio, reflecting her skill and joy in musical expression.

Faith played a significant role in Patricia's life. She was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church of Royal Oak, where she was actively involved and taught Sunday school for many years. She was also a long-standing member of United Methodist Women and PEO.

Patricia and her husband shared a love of travel and adventure. Together, they explored various parts of the United States and Europe, enjoyed an Alaska cruise, traveled to Israel, and participated in several religiously themed trips, including a journey that followed the steps of St. Paul. She was also part of the Nomads, a group through which she enjoyed fellowship and travel experiences with others who shared her enthusiasm for seeing the world.

Patricia was devoted to her family and remained committed to her faith throughout her life. She was always kind to others to her very last days. She was deeply loved and will be dearly missed.

Patricia will be remembered as the beloved wife of Noel. Loving mother of Kathy Peterson, Paul Peterson (Yonit Hoffman) and Daniel Peterson (David Malick). Proud grandmother of Ariella Hoffman-Peterson (Nadav Shaari) and Joshua Hoffman-Peterson.

Memorial visitation for Patricia will be held on Saturday, January 10 from 10:00 a.m. until time of service, 11:00 a.m., at Royal Oak First United Methodist Church, 320 W. 7th Street, Royal Oak.

If you would like to make a contribution in memory of Patricia, please consider a contribution to Royal Oak First United Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Royal Oak
320 W. Seventh Street
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Cairo family would like to express our deepest sympathies to the Peterson family. Patty was a wonderful neighbor. Always in our prayers. God bless you and all and your children.* ”

Art Cairo - January 10 at 10:27 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Lou Peterson.* ”



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