



Marguerite (Cote') Peters

April 19, 1936 - September 12, 2014

Marguerite Yvonne (Cote') Peters passed away peacefully at Williamstown Commons, surrounded by her loving children, on Friday, September 12, 2014. Born in North Adams on April 19, 1936, she was the first born child of Clarence and Edna (St.Cyr) Cote'; she was 78 Years of age.

Raised in North Adams, Marguerite attended Notre Dame elementary school and graduated from St. Joseph's High School. After high school, she worked for a time as a telephone operator at New England Telephone Co. She met her future husband in 1955 through a mutual friend of his sister. Marguerite married Harold F. Peters, Jr. in July of 1957. They honeymooned in Boston, MA, riding the Swan Boats and eating at the Oyster House Restaurant. Marguerite and Harold had five children together, all of whom survive her today: Maureen Elizabeth Goodreau (Roger) of Cheshire, Diane Marie LaValley (Norman), Daniel Francis Peters (Cathy), James Michael Peters and Kathleen Ann Cardinal, all of North Adams.

Marguerite and Harold divorced in 1969, and he predeceased her in April 2014. They remained friendly throughout the years and even took their five children to a Red Sox game at Fenway Park, where the entire family became lost in the Boston subway system-a favorite family story for many years.

Marguerite primarily remained at home during her children's younger years. The family lived in a flat at 62 North Holden St. in North Adams, and later at 16 Walker St. in North Adams. When the children were older she worked at Gagliardi's Appliance store on Union St., later on at Headstart, and then the

swing shift at the James River Paper Mill in Adams. Her last employment was at the Family Life Support Center at the Louison House in Adams as a life skills counselor, where she worked the 3-11 shift. Marguerite retired from the Louison House in 2002.

During her children's formative years Marguerite was very involved in their scholastic endeavors. She assisted with the Girl Scouts at St. Francis Church Rectory, where her youngest child, Katy, then two years old in 1969, pulled the fire alarm at the rectory, which sent every fire truck in the vicinity to St. Francis Church, St. Joseph's School and the rectory. She was also a Drury Band Mom, Drury Chorus Mom (bringing hot chocolate to the Drury High Girl's Ensemble during their endeavor to break the World's record for continuous singing in 1975), a Little League Mom, and a Theater Mom when her two oldest daughters decided it would be cool to do summer theater. "Mom Peters" was also a mother to every single friend her children brought into her home at any hour of the day...or night. Or overnight.

Marguerite was the proud and loving grandmother of 12 grandchildren: Nicholas J. Peters of Manchester, VT, Benjamin P. Wood of Pittsfield, Amelia C. Wood of San Francisco, CA, Patrick J. Wood of Adams, Abigail M. Wood of Pittsfield, John K. Wood of North Adams & Cheshire, Erin Lawson of Adams, Nicole Palma of North Adams, Kyle Peters of North Adams, Hayden Cantoni of Dalton, Danielle Cardinal of North Adams, and Ryan LeBeau of South Carolina. She is also survived by 5 great-grandchildren: Madeline E. Wood, Benjamin P. Wood, Jr., Tanner Palma, Lador Lawson and Carrick S. Wood. Marguerite also leaves her two siblings, Raymond Cote' of Schenectady, NY and Judith Steward of North Adams, as well as many loving cousins, nieces, and nephews. She is also survived by her "4th daughter", Lisa (Dickinson) Arthur of Williamstown.

Marguerite's greatest joy was the love of her family and watching the grandchildren grow. She was an accomplished seamstress (making all of her daughter's high school dance dresses), an expert knitter, and a voracious reader.

Our mother's health has hung precariously close to the edge for many years, but through it all Mom maintained her wit, sense of humor, and positive outlook. We are all relieved that she is now free of pain. We will forever miss her love, guidance, spunk, attitude, and fortitude. We'll love you forever Mom; thanks for being you and for being our mother. Well done Mom, well done. Marguerite's funeral will be held on Thursday, September 18th, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM in St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, North Adams, celebrated by Rev. William F. Cyr, Pastor.

Relatives and friends are invited.

Burial will be held at a later date, at the convenience of her family.

There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to Louison House, 395 Old Columbia St. Adams, MA 01220.

The PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, is in charge of arrangements.

To leave a message of condolence, please go online to www.paciorekfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

PM

“ Jim, Kyle, Hayden and family, We are so sorry you lost your mom/grandmother. Though we didn't have the pleasure of knowing her, it appears she was an amazing woman. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely, Peg & Paul

Peg & Paul Mekdeci - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

JP

“ To Marguerite's family, I am so sorry for your loss. I am so glad that Betty and I had the opportunity to reconnect with your mom. I believe it brought your mom a lot of joy to see her old friend. She was a lovely woman and we loved her so much. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Jerilyn Perry - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

CL

“ Was very saddened this morning to hear of the passing of my dear friend Marguerite. We spent many years working together and I couldn't have had a better co-worker. She was a warm, witty, funny, very intelligent lady, and I will never forget her, or the lessons I learned from her. My sincere condolences to all the family. Regrettably, I will not be able to attend the service, as I made a commitment last month to my daughter to do childcare all day on Wed. & Thurs.

Charlene Lawson - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

VT

“ To Marguerite's Family, I haven't seen your Mom for many years. She was a very nice and fun person. She talked of you all with fondness. My sincere sympathy.

Valerie Tracy - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

JC

“ *I am so sorry.*

Joe Cain - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

MT

“ *My Heart goes out to the family of Marguerite in your time of Sorrow. I'll "Always" remember how marguerites face lite up -with a big smile on her face- speaking about all her children and grandchildren. She proudly showed my mom and I her pictures of them. I pray that you will find comfort in knowing that she is no longer in any pain. May your heart and soul find peace and comfort.*

Michele Tanguay - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

LT

“ *To Marquerite's family,Please accept our heartfelt sympathy for your loss.May all your special memories be a comfort to you ,And keep the one you loved so much still very close to you.Our thoughts and prayers are with you.Lynne and Homer Tanguay*

Lynne Tanguay - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

LS

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone.*

Lisa Soule - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

MG

“ *Loving you forever Mom...love, #1*

Maureen Goodreau - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

KO

“ *My hope is that you will be able to remember all the pride and love your mom had for you all- she will live in your hearts forever. take comfort in knowing she rests in peace- no longer in pain. I will miss her smile....*

kathryn oliverson - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

MM

“ *Sending prayers out to the family. May your memories comfort you in the days ahead.*

Maureen Moore - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

SB

“ *Diane and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Stacie Blake - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

SF

“ *So sorry to read about Marguerite's passing. We worked together as job coaches at CHC. She was fun to work with, I enjoyed her spunk. May her family find comfort and peace.*

Susan Fitzpatrick - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

DE

“ *Maureen Sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother*

Darrell English - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

JT

“ My prayers are with you all at this very difficult time. I remember Marguerite as such a warm, strong person. I have such fond memories of growing up in the neighborhood and always being welcomed into her home. May she now rest in peace. Strength and peace to you all in the days ahead.

Jackie Thomas - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

JN

“ To the entire Peters' family from cousin John. I'm sorry I couldn't make it to the service yesterday due to another commitment in Albany but I want you all to know that I have such fond memories as a child spending time with Aunt Marguerite and all of you at your home in North Adams. Playing in the yard, watching the Wizard of Oz year after year it seems and having lunch as a large group at the big table ... I could go on. Marguerite always made me feel a special part of your family as did my cousins and she was a great help to Claire. What a great and caring woman and she will never be forgotten! Good bless her! Love to you all ...

John Noetzel - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM



“ Me deepest sympathy to all of you! Your Mom was a wonderful woman! We all loved her like a second Mom. She will be sadly missed but is no longer in pain. She is now with the Lord with my wonderful husband Bob. Much love to all of you! Tina DiSanti
xxxxoooo

June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM

JJ

“ miss you tons!

jjim - June 07, 2018 at 12:13 PM