



## Mr. Joseph Cephus "Papa Joe" Peterson

March 13, 1939 - April 28, 2017

PETERSON, Mr. Joseph C. "Papa Joe" - Age 78, passed away Friday, April 28, 2017 at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 10:30 Friday, May 5, 2017, from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Minister Georgia Veal, officiating. Interment 2:00 PM Monday, May 8, 2017 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:30 AM Friday. Mr. Peterson will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed 2:00 PM-8:00 PM Thursday.

.Joe was born in Kemper, Mississippi on March 13, 1939, the son of the late Tommie and Annie Peterson. Joe joined the military in 1959 and proudly served his country for 6 years. He met his wife, Ann, in 1972 while they were both working at McLaren Hospital. The happiest moment of Joe's life was the birth of his son, Jeffrey, in 1977. Joe was a family man who loved spending time with his wife, son, daughter-in-law, and his two grand-daughters. He also loved attending gatherings with his brothers, Willie and Henry, and his sister, Dorothy, as well as his many nieces and nephews. Joe liked to garden and was very proud of his yard. He taught his son how to mow perfect lines into the grass, a tradition continued today by his grand-daughter. He was famous for his home-made mac-n-cheese, which was enjoyed by everyone at family get-togethers. Joe enjoyed casino trips with his family and was a connoisseur

of Blues music. B.B. King and Bobby Blue Bland were Joe's favorite artists.

He will be greatly cherished by those he left behind: wife of 41 years, Ann Peterson; son, Jeffrey A. Peterson, daughter-in-law, Bethany Peterson, granddaughters, Neeley and Natalie Peterson; Brother, Willie J. Peterson and his partner Vera King; Sister, Dorothy Sanders; Brother, Henry Peterson; In-Laws, Terry and Kathy Rinks and family; as well as a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

**MAY 4.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
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## Family hour

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## Service

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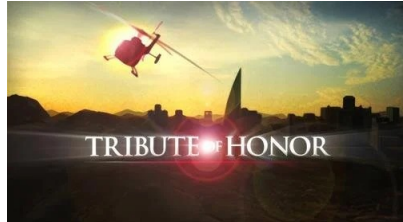
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Joseph Cephus "Papa Joe" Peterson*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - May 03, 2017 at 08:06 PM



“ *Mr. Joseph Cephus "Papa Joe" Peterson*

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October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Jennifer Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Cephus "Papa Joe" Peterson*



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**Jennifer Daniels** - May 05, 2017 at 07:03 AM



“ *We all miss and love you uncle Jake!  
"Hambone Man".  
-Love Esha*



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**Chantel Daniels(great niece)** - May 05, 2017 at 06:03 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Cephus "Papa Joe" Peterson.



May 04, 2017 at 01:48 PM



“ Deborah Dantzler-Harris "H.O.P." lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Cephus "Papa Joe" Peterson



Deborah Dantzler-Harris "H.O.P." - May 04, 2017 at 10:34 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Cephus "Papa Joe" Peterson.



May 04, 2017 at 10:01 AM



“ From Renee, Steve, Jordan & Bailey Hauge and Rita purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Joseph Cephus "Papa Joe" Peterson.



From Renee, Steve, Jordan & Bailey Hauge and Rita - May 03, 2017 at 09:01 PM



“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - May 03, 2017 at 07:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Cephus "Papa Joe" Peterson.



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May 03, 2017 at 01:08 PM



“ *Frank & Pamela Daniels* lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Cephus "Papa Joe" Peterson



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**Frank & Pamela Daniels** - May 03, 2017 at 12:15 PM

SH

“ *Shammara lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Cephus "Papa Joe" Peterson*



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**Shammara** - May 02, 2017 at 06:48 PM

KR

“ *Joe Peterson was our friend and a huge part of our family. Our friendship started years ago when Joe and Ann's son, Jeffrey, met our daughter, Bethany, and so our friendship began. We shared our children, who married, and then we had the pleasure of being there when our granddaughters were born and sharing our grandchildren together as they grew. The four of us have spent countless Holidays, School functions, and recitals over the years. Our fondest memories of Joe would have to be when year after year he dressed up in my Santa Suit and allowed me to pose pictures with the girls never complaining of how hot he probably was. He always made his special mac and cheese for every family gathering. Papa Joe,s mac and cheese was the best! Everyone in our family was the recipient of Joe's bear hugs. We know he was a great father to Jeffrey because Jeffrey is a great father to his girls! He was also a great Papa to our grandchildren. They will never forget the time spent with Papa Joe and are already recalling some of his stories that left an impression on their young lives. My entire family including nieces and nephews will miss you Joe Peterson. Rest in Peace!*

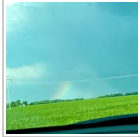


*Terry and Kathy Rinks*

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**kathy rinks** - May 02, 2017 at 01:58 PM





“ *Kari Otberg lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Cephus "Papa Joe" Peterson*



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**Kari Otberg** - May 02, 2017 at 06:35 AM

SA

“ *Sandra Allen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Cephus "Papa Joe" Peterson*



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**Sandra Allen** - May 01, 2017 at 03:31 PM

VW

“ *Vickie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Cephus "Papa Joe" Peterson*



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**Vickie Williams** - April 29, 2017 at 05:41 PM

JM

“ *Johnny, Vickie & Mackey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Cephus "Papa Joe" Peterson*



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**Johnny, Vickie & Mackey** - April 29, 2017 at 05:40 PM

DC

“ God promises to wipe all tears from our eyes and death will be no more. My heartfelt prayers are with the family and friends of the Peterson family. May all find comfort in knowing that God feels for you when you are going thru trials

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**Darlene Casmere** - April 29, 2017 at 08:59 AM