



## Carl "Sonny" E. Peterson

July 18, 1957 - August 31, 2019

Carl "Sonny" Peterson, 62 year old resident of Swanville, MN passed away Saturday, August 31, 2019 at the Long Prairie Hospital in Long Prairie, MN. A funeral service will be held 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Swanville, MN with Rev. Kevin Zellers officiating. Burial will take place in St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery in Swanville, MN. A visitation will be held from 4-7 P.M. on Friday and from 9:30-10:30 A.M. on Saturday all at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Swanville, MN. There will be a Celebration of Life Luncheon following the services on Saturday at 12:00 P.M. at the Sobieski Community Center in Sobieski, MN. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Swanville, MN.

Sonny (Carl) Peterson was born on July 18, 1957 in Long Prairie Minnesota to the parents of Carl and Ellen Peterson. He lived most of his life in Swanville where he enjoyed spending time supporting the community through various ways including being a devoted member of the Swanville Lions club.

Sonny worked in a variety of jobs before finding what he enjoyed most, trucking. In 1987, together with Sandy, they founded "Sonny Peterson Trucking". The business started with the two of them, 1 truck and Brother Jody in the shop. The business eventually grew to as many as 30 semi-trucks hauling goods across the US. In his 32 years in business, it wasn't uncommon for Sonny to take on family and friends to give them an opportunity in which he trained them up to be as successful as he was. Sonny's dedication to

Sonny Peterson Trucking kept him working up until just a few days before he left us.

Sonny's hobbies are almost too many to list. He enjoyed anything that went fast. He spent his time away from the shop riding Harley Davidsons, flying airplanes, snowmobiling, and golfing. Whatever it was that Sonny was up to it included a group of family, friends and good music. On Sunday afternoons he often hosted afternoon cookouts where he and Cousin Fred spent time cooking for the gang. He made sure to make time for his children Michelle and CR as well as his precious grandchildren: Milo, Ellen and Louie. There is nothing he wouldn't do for them. Sonny passed away peacefully while listening to music at Long Prairie hospital where he was surrounded by his best Friend Suzie, his children, brother and sister, nieces and nephew and long-time friend and business partner Sandy. Words cannot express how much he will be missed. Please join us in celebrating his life as that is how Sonny would have wanted it. Sonny, you have left us too soon but you left an admirable legacy. We love you

Sonny is survived by children, Michelle (Lonny) Hutchins of Swanville, MN and Carl "C.R." Peterson of Swanville, MN; siblings, Jody (Carol) Peterson of Swanville, MN and Holly (Bram) Sanchez of New Orleans, LA; girlfriend, Susan Kiley of Sobieski, MN and grandchildren, Milo, Elen, and Louis Hutchins.

Sonny was preceded in death by parents, Carl and Ellen Peterson and brother, Timothy Peterson.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery

Swanville, MN 56382

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church - Swanville  
502 Berkey Avenue  
Swanville, MN

## Visitation

SEP 7. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church - Swanville  
502 Berkey Avenue  
Swanville, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Carl "Sonny" E. Peterson*



**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - September 04, 2019 at 03:56 PM

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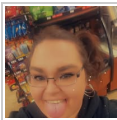
*Such a great video and it included everyone in his life--very special!! He will be missed by everyone that he had anything to do with! Rest in peace Sonny!!*

**Audrey Yourczek** - September 05, 2019 at 03:20 PM

MA

*What a wonderful tribute to such a great guy! Gone too soon! My sympathy to all his family, friends and the community of Swanville.*

**Margurite** - September 05, 2019 at 04:59 PM



*Beautiful tribute video. Sonny will be Missed very much. Sending lots of hugs and prayers to the whole family.*

**Tiffany Rueckert** - September 05, 2019 at 08:19 PM

ME

*Absolutely beautiful!!!*

**Megan** - September 05, 2019 at 09:38 PM

MG

*Will be missed by all was a great friend and boss man! Jim and Molly*

**Molly Gylsen** - September 06, 2019 at 07:31 PM

JS

*Great Video. Nice to see that all family and friends from the old times to the current. Great job . He will be missed. Rest in Peace Sonny.*

Joan Schwientek - September 07, 2019 at 10:58 PM



“ Carl "Sonny" E. Peterson

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

KC

“ *I just recently learned of the passing of Sonny Peterson. I only knew Sonny and the rest of crew from the years they came to Deadwood SD. My wife Jodi and I rented our home(s) to Sonny and friends during the Sturgis Rally for a couple of years. Great people all of you. I also had the pleasure of spending time with Sonny and friends as I managed and bartended at the Saloon #10 in Deadwood. We all at the #10 looked forward to seeing the Swanville/Sobieski crew who Sonny would sometimes transport out to SD on his bus!!  
Sonny was a great guy who talked often of his family and friends that he loved dearly..  
Strange, you think youll always get to see someone again sometime at least one more time..  
Rest in Peace Sonny.  
Kasey Campbell  
Deadwood SD*

kasey campbell - April 12, 2020 at 08:17 PM

DY

“ *Dylan lit a candle in memory of Carl "Sonny" E. Peterson*



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**Dylan** - October 09, 2019 at 02:42 PM

LI

“ *I know the family does not know me, but I bought 7513J from Sonny a couple years ago. I know how much he loved to fly and loved the Arrow. She is now upgraded substantially and I think of Sonny from time to time and my trips to the airport to look and and buy the plane. My deepest sympathy for the loss. Sonny was a good guy. God Bless the family.  
Lydell L. Newby II and Family.*

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**Lydell L. Newby II** - September 25, 2019 at 10:36 AM

DY

“ *He was my grandpa too i know how you all feel we will get through this-Dylan Lynn Rahn.*

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**dylan** - September 06, 2019 at 06:16 PM

MI

“ *We appreciate the many years of working and talking with Sonny. He will be greatly missed!  
Your friends at Maney International Inc. St. Cloud, MN*

*Will be sending a donation to the Swanville Lions Club in Sonny's memory.*

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**MANEY INTERNATIONAL** - September 06, 2019 at 09:49 AM

SH

“ Sheryl Hedin lit a candle in memory of Carl "Sonny" E. Peterson



sheryl hedin - September 05, 2019 at 06:02 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl "Sonny" E. Peterson.



September 05, 2019 at 05:57 PM

JD

“ Jennie-O Turkey Store - Traffic Department purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carl "Sonny" E. Peterson.



Jennie-O Turkey Store - Traffic Department - September 05, 2019 at 04:40 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl "Sonny" E. Peterson.



September 05, 2019 at 02:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carl "Sonny" E. Peterson.*



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September 05, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ *There will be a lot of sad hearts; he was a real champion supporter of Swanville and surrounding area! His generosity, community commitment & love for his family & friends will be missed by many. May you ride ( on whatever steed you choose) in peace and happiness.....thanks for all you've done for others..🙏🙏. Jim & Rocky.....*

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**Jim Molitor / Rocky Thompson** - September 05, 2019 at 11:32 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Carl "Sonny" E. Peterson.*



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September 05, 2019 at 07:27 AM



“ 67 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - September 04, 2019 at 03:10 PM

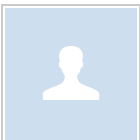


“ SMH IT Department purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Carl "Sonny" E. Peterson.



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**SMH IT Department** - September 04, 2019 at 12:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Carl "Sonny" E. Peterson.



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September 04, 2019 at 09:44 AM

GB

“ Thank you Sonny for the opportunities you provided me while with the company. I have good memories our past. Rest in peace! Sincere condolences for the Peterson family and friends. Gerry Boody

Gerry Boody - September 03, 2019 at 08:40 PM

CV

“ Sorry for your families loss!!! Sonny was a great guy!!! He will be missed by many.



Collette and Vern - September 03, 2019 at 02:43 PM

SO

“ Slidell Memorial Hospital | Ochsner purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Carl "Sonny" E. Peterson.



Slidell Memorial Hospital | Ochsner - September 03, 2019 at 02:19 PM

AT

“ So sorry to hear of Sonny's passing. Prayers go out to all of Sonny's family.



Alan Thelander - September 02, 2019 at 09:08 PM

LM

“ *Condolences to the Peterson family. Sonny, was an all around great man and he will be missed. R.I.P.*



**Luke and Danita Maurer** - September 02, 2019 at 07:12 PM

DC

“ *Dorothy and Tim, Susan and Charlie purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Carl "Sonny" E. Peterson.*



**Dorothy and Tim, Susan and Charlie** - September 02, 2019 at 06:11 PM

PK

“ *Pam Klein lit a candle in memory of Carl "Sonny" E. Peterson*



**Pam klein** - September 02, 2019 at 12:45 PM

MK

“ *Thought and Prayers to the Peterson Family.*



**Metta Kincade** - September 02, 2019 at 11:49 AM



“ So many memories, so many good times...May you rest in peace Sonny.



Trish Workman - September 02, 2019 at 11:18 AM



“ Kim Barnes lit a candle in memory of Carl "Sonny" E. Peterson



Kim Barnes - September 02, 2019 at 08:58 AM



“ We will miss you Sonny!

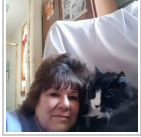


Jenni, Jared & Zoey Wiherski - September 01, 2019 at 11:41 PM



Jared, Jenni and Zoey Wiherski

Jenni, Jared & Zoey Wiherski - September 01, 2019 at 11:43 PM



“ *Lori Krebs lit a candle in memory of Carl "Sonny" E. Peterson*



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**Lori Krebs** - September 01, 2019 at 11:30 PM

SH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Sonny*

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**Shayne** - September 01, 2019 at 09:42 PM

LS

“ *You will be missed my friend from an old friend.*

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**Lynda(Fietek) Szczodroski** - September 01, 2019 at 05:56 PM

PC

“ *Pam Czech lit a candle in memory of Carl "Sonny" E. Peterson*



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**Pam Czech** - September 01, 2019 at 04:24 PM

RV

“ *Our Deepest Sympathies to the entire Peterson family. RIP...Ron and Jayne VanHeel*



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**Ron and Jayne VanHeel** - September 01, 2019 at 04:05 PM

MR

“ *Mary Jo Retka lit a candle in memory of Carl "Sonny" E. Peterson*



Mary Jo Retka - September 01, 2019 at 03:11 PM

DL

“ *I'm so sorry for your lose. He was my funny bunny!*



Donna lukasavitz - September 01, 2019 at 11:45 AM

FT

“ *Fred And Judy Tabatt lit a candle in memory of Carl "Sonny" E. Peterson*



Fred and Judy Tabatt - September 01, 2019 at 11:40 AM



“ *Brenda Baum lit a candle in memory of Carl "Sonny" E. Peterson*



Brenda Baum - September 01, 2019 at 11:22 AM



*My thoughts and prayers to the family. RIP Sonny you will be missed by many.*

**Brenda Baum** - September 01, 2019 at 11:22 AM

MI

“ *Michelle lit a candle in memory of Carl "Sonny" E. Peterson*



**Michelle** - September 01, 2019 at 11:11 AM

AS

“ *Sending prayers to family. Allan and Marilyn Schneider*



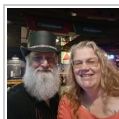
**Allan and Marilyn Schneider** - September 01, 2019 at 10:30 AM

JE

“ *Jeba lit a candle in memory of Carl "Sonny" E. Peterson*



**Jeba** - September 01, 2019 at 02:24 AM



*I am sorry to hear about sonny he was great person he will be missed*

**Jeff Frank** - September 01, 2019 at 12:27 PM