



# Gyle Herman Peterson

August 31, 1954 - December 1, 2018

Gyle Herman Peterson, 64, Fargo, died Saturday, December 1, in Sanford Medical Center.

Gyle was born August, 31, 1954 in Fargo, ND to Lyle M. and Shirley D. (Peterson) Peterson. He was born with Muscular Dystrophy and wasn't expected to live to be a teenager. He was home schooled through the 8th grade, but he continued to learn new things. Gyle was a go getter and was always finding ways to earn some money. He had a special computer he operated with his thumb.

Gyle wrote articles for the Fargo "Guide" magazine and even a manuscript. It was his way of communicating and keeping up with the happenings around him. Gyle enjoyed playing cards and going to Texan Hold "Em Tournaments. He enjoyed family and friends stopping by to visit. He really enjoyed his trip to Las Vegas with his caregivers.

After his parents passed, he continued to live in the family home with 24-hour caregivers. He loved decorating outside his home for Halloween and Christmas with his "girls" doing the work. He enjoyed seeing the kids in their costumes.

Gyle's caregivers meant so much to him and became his second family. They often came back to see him even when they moved on to other jobs.

Gyle is survived by his brother, Bob (Sylvia) Peterson; niece, Stacy Allen; great-niece, Brittany (Tony) and Maddie and Makenna Bogenreif all of Breckenridge, MN; aunts and uncles, Duane and Joanne Peterson, Jerry and Julie Peterson, Fargo; Nancy Walker, New Hope, MN and Janis Claus, Milnor, ND; many cousins, and Blanche Braasch, special family friend and "second Mom", West Fargo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lyle and Shirley Peterson and his sister, Diane; grandparents, Gilman and Ella Peterson and Herman and Edlin Peterson.

Funeral Service: Friday, December 7 at 11:00 am at Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home.

Visitation: Thursday, December 6 from 5:00-7:00 pm with a prayer service at 7:00 pm at Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home, Fargo.

Interment will be in the Milnor Lutheran Cemetery, Milnor, ND.

A special thank you to all of Gyle's caregivers over the many years.

Thank you to the doctors and staff at Sanford Hospital for the wonderful care that was given to Gyle.

Memories and online condolences may be shared by visiting [www.hansonrunsvold.com](http://www.hansonrunsvold.com).

Arrangements by Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home, Fargo.

# Cemetery

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## **Milnor Lutheran Cemetery - Milnor, ND**

13952 79th Street Southeast

Milnor, ND, 58060

# Comments

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“Gyle was a dear friend for many years. He was loving and kind, smart and funny. He was accepting and genuine. He was a huge help during a rough time in my life and listened to me and talked with me for hours. He was very creative and saw things differently than most. I'm deeply sadden to learn if his passing so late. I hadn't heard from him in a while and was looking forward to catching up with him. I will look for him on the other side when I get there. I will miss him and his wit, charm and smile along with awesome compliments greatly!!

**Becca Carpenter** - March 25 at 11:59 PM

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“Gyle was my cousin on my father's side. Miles separated us over the years but never our connection with each other. I spent many summers with him and his parents who were wonderful. Gyle was intelligent, witty with a great sense of humor. His interest in many things always fascinated me. He didn't let anything or anyone get in his way. I never looked at him with a handicap more of a unique individual who was so fun to be around. I'll miss ya Cous. I think you were ready to move on to the next adventure. Everyone will miss you in this one. I know I will. Love ya.

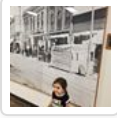
**Leslie Peterson Sheffield** - December 10, 2018 at 01:01 PM

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“Gyle was a regular guy who seemed to use his muscular dystrophy to become an extraordinary person. He was a first cousin to my wife Leslie Peterson Sheffield and they were close growing up although Leslie lived in Florida. Leslie traveled with family to North Dakota and spent a lot of time with Gyle. Gyle always respected and loved Leslie because she wouldn't take any bs from him! They remained life long friendly cousins and Gyle sent Leslie a Thanksgiving greeting that was signed G-man a couple of weeks ago. Gyle lived longer than any known person alive with his type of MD. His parents were some of the most generous people ever, and apparently Gyle went downhill after his Mother and then Father died. He fought a very long brave battle. My son Nick once commented, "If Gyle had a good body he could have been a very wild guy!" Gyle was as wild as he could be in his own way. He had an extensive collection of music and once sent us a list of it all. I've never seen so much music. Thankfully he had his family, nurses, music et al. We love you and miss you Gyle. May you find peace and joy on the other side my friend.

John Sheffield married to Leslie Peterson Sheffield his first cousin



“ Hi Gyle, even though I never met you, or knew you personally, I just wanted to say thank you for being so thoughtful and patient with me when I was a new admin for your page, you added me I think more than 2 years ago, and still vying at it, I had question after question you messaged me and said, any time you need help, just let me know. You were definitely loved by many many people, I hope that you are now in peace



Michelle Renee - December 10, 2018 at 03:27 AM

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“ I had the opportunity to play poker at the same table as Gyle many times. He was a solid player and always enjoyed his time at tournaments. I will miss trying to figure out his hole cards and sipping Tequila with Gyle. My life is richer for having been acquainted with Gyle and I will miss him.

Curt Brosdahl

Curt Brosdahl - December 06, 2018 at 02:33 PM

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“ Love you dearly Brotherman Gyle, you know that true, so much gratitude for having a real friend like you.

Steve Loe - December 06, 2018 at 09:38 AM

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“ Free as a Bird Gyle....Peace Out and Love Always Nancy

If I leave here tomorrow  
Would you still remember me?  
For I must be traveling on, now  
Cause there's too many places I've got to see  
But, if I stayed here with you, girl  
Things just couldn't be the same  
Cause I'm as free as a bird now

And this bird you can not change  
Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh  
And this bird you can not change  
And this bird you can not change  
Lord knows, I can't change  
Bye, bye, baby, it's been a sweet love  
Though this feeling I can't change  
But please don't take it so badly  
Cause Lord knows I'm to blame  
But, if I stayed here with you, girl  
Things just couldn't be the same  
Cause I'm as free as a bird now  
And this bird you'll never change  
Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh  
And this bird you can not change  
And this bird you can not change  
Lord knows, I can't change  
Lord help me, I can't change  
Lord, I can't change  
Won't you fly high, free bird, yeah



**nancy** - December 05, 2018 at 10:25 PM



“ Sorry to read of Gyle's passing. We met via a caregiver named Nancy more than 20 years ago. Together they helped shape my understanding and evolved my positions I would stand for in my years in the North Dakota Senate. Over the years when we came across each other it was obvious the admiration and appreciation he continued to have for his caregivers. Tim Flakoll

**Tim Flakoll** - December 07, 2018 at 09:02 PM



“ I have known Gyle all my life I grew up in the same neighborhood. When I was a teenager I would sometimes help him write letters and correspondence. Was so sorry to hear that he had fallen ill and passed. I will always remember his humor and kindness. Keeping the family in our thoughts and prayers. KarenAnn(Kjenstad) Dame and Family.



**Karen Ann Dame** - December 04, 2018 at 07:38 PM

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“ Heather Hart sent a virtual gift in memory of Gyle Herman Peterson



**Heather Hart** - December 04, 2018 at 03:01 PM

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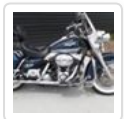


“ Mark and Laurie Klima and Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Gyle Herman Peterson.



**Mark and Laurie Klima and Family** - December 04, 2018 at 11:10 AM

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“ Steve Belcourt lit a candle in memory of Gyle Herman Peterson



**Steve Belcourt** - December 04, 2018 at 04:14 AM

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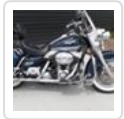


“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gyle Herman Peterson.



December 03, 2018 at 09:09 PM

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“ I met Gyle in 2012 through his Buy Sell Mania page, we didn't know it at the time that we were neighbor for 3 years prior to that we started talking and then I walked over to meet him in person, from that day we hit it off. We were both into social media selling sights and he talked me into becoming one of his admins to his page to help out, once it grew to a mere 40k members it got so big that we added several more admins to help out with the site, I stepped down as his head admin later on leaving it back to him and the other admins. I found out around that time that Gyle had resources in place to build him a deck in the front of his house so he could spend some time outside instead of being cooped up inside all the time, at the last minute those resources fell trough and in an Email to him stating they no long had the funding for the materials and labor to do his projects, Gyle got very depressed and wanted to give up. I stepped up and said, if you can some how come up with materials to build the deck I will find the help to get it done, at that time I helped him create a Go Fund Me account and with all the help from friends and strangers he managed to come up with the funds for the materials. With the help of Darren Mogck a couple of his staff workers and even a couple members from his Buy Sell page we managed to get the frame work done in just a couple of days, after that we spent evenings and weekends working on the deck. Gyles goal was to have the deck finished by his 60th Birthday. I put the last screw in the hand rail 10 minutes before his party started LOL, We cut it close but made it in time. A year after that it was time to talk about building a room in the house that was 100% handicap accessible. His goal for that was to have it finished ASAP as his dad Lyle was ill with cancer, a few weeks went by and we got started but had to put the project on hold for a couple of weeks as Lyle fell to ill to have the work done and we didn't get to finish before he passed. A couple weeks went by and again with the help of a couple of his staff members at the time we went to work and got his room finished which he has been able to enjoy until his passing, We became very close friends and I'm going to miss the weekly text messages asking me to come over and help him with something around the house. RIP My Friend and Neighbor. Will will never be forgotten.

Steve Belcourt - December 03, 2018 at 02:40 PM



“ Steve his place is amazing. !! This is Dawn. Thank you for all of your hard work. And being such a good friend. He and I recently laughed until we cried. The bunny story. :) With your friendship and being an everything guy. Gyle with your help and Nics and Family he really



did do a great job of managing the house. I think his parents would be so proud of him. I don't understand what exactly happened. But you rock and thanks again for all your hard work. And use of the mower.

**Dawn** - December 03, 2018 at 11:03 PM

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“ RIP Dear friend. I am so glad That I got to attend you last Birthday Party and I am thankful that you invited me. You have meant so much to my daughters Stacy (past caregiver) And Angie (current care giver). You were a blessing to the 3 of us. I am so happy that now you may be reunited with your sister Mom and Dad. I'm sure they were right there at the pearly gates to welcome you. Love You!!

**Cheryl Ingebretson** - December 03, 2018 at 02:10 PM

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“ Katrina Belcourt lit a candle in memory of Gyle Herman Peterson



**Katrina belcourt** - December 03, 2018 at 01:41 PM