



## Fredrick Douglas Peterson

April 10, 1948 - November 18, 2018

Fredrick Douglas Peterson passed away November 18, 2018, at his home in Torrington, after a two and a half year long battle with glioblastoma.

Memorial services are scheduled for 11:30 AM on Monday, November 26, 2018 at the Rendezvous Center on the Goshen County Fairgrounds. A meal will be served by friends of the family and all are encouraged to join together for lunch and, most importantly to Fred, an opportunity to visit and share stories with one another.

The family requests that memorials may be given to Regional West Hospice or to an organization of the donor's choice. Colyer Funeral Home is assisting the family with cremation and arrangements and friends may send their condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com)

Fred was born to James "Fritz" and Lenore (Cogdill) Peterson in Lander, Wyoming on April 10, 1948. Much of his youth was spent on the Double Diamond Ranch near Dubois and in surrounding areas. It was during Fred's early years that he often left home for 8-10 hours a day to ride his ponies, explore old campsites and chase and hunt wild game. Fritz and Fred's older brothers Jay and Jack taught him how to hunt and dress his game to help put food on the table. Summers spent in cow camp high in the mountains helped to develop Fred's love for horses and the cowboy way of life. At about six years of age Fred was housebound with rheumatic fever. It was during that time he developed his lifelong skills as a western artist because Lenore bought meat wrapping paper and children's play dough to keep him occupied

and he spent hours drawing and sculpting cowboys and animals.

Fred attended school in Dubois and graduated from Thermopolis High School. He attended Casper College and Central Wyoming College. At fourteen, Fred began riding Quarter Horse racehorses on various Wyoming racetracks. Once he began riding saddle broncs, he followed the rodeo circuit which he did until into his forties. He spent several years in Oklahoma working with horse trainers. Jobs throughout his life included stints in the timber industry, the uranium mine, feedlots, ranches, brand inspecting, horseshoeing among others. His true passions always involved breaking, training and riding horses as well as painting, drawing and sculpting.

In 1988, he married Patti Sue Smith in Torrington, WY. They welcomed a daughter Josey and a son Whit to join their family that also included Keith Peterson. Fred's greatest joys came from supporting his children in their rodeo events as well as their high school and college activities and sports. Along the way Fred had many special relationships with numerous dogs and horses whom he loved.

He is survived by his wife Patti Sue; children Josey, Whit and Keith; grandchildren Kacey, Amey and Jacob; brother Scott (Sue) Peterson; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Jay and Jack.

# Previous Events

## Memorial services

NOV **26**. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (MT)

Rendezvous Center/Fairgrounds  
Torrington, WY

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ So sorry we will not be able to attend the service today. We all always enjoyed visiting and being around Fred. Blake was telling stories of their glorious job of being in charge of the goats at the High School National Finals. You could always rely on Fred to be there for the job. We are sending you love, strength and prayers for the days to come. Blake and Darci Scott

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**Darci Scott** - November 26, 2018 at 08:15 AM

SH

“ Scherri Hacker lit a candle in memory of Fredrick Douglas Peterson



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**Scherri Hacker** - November 23, 2018 at 02:27 AM

DH

“ We were so sorry to read about Fred passing away! We are back East and just heard about it tonight. Fred put up a long hard battle and will be missed so much by all and our Prayers are with you! I will talk to you when we get home!  
Our Prayer from Chuck and Dorothy

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**Dorothy and Chuck Harshberger** - November 21, 2018 at 08:12 PM

KF

“ *Kathie France lit a candle in memory of Fredrick Douglas Peterson*



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**Kathie France** - November 21, 2018 at 06:07 PM

DS

“ *So sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Hoping you can take comfort in knowing that he is at peace. He will be missed by many.*

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**Dave, Trudy, Brody and Bailey Saults** - November 21, 2018 at 01:24 PM



“ *Family sorry for your loss Fred use to shoe my horse and we had nice chats such a nice man he will be missed by many Vikki Kehl. Lisle*

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**Victoria Lisle Lisle** - November 21, 2018 at 09:29 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Fredrick Douglas Peterson.*



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November 21, 2018 at 07:05 AM

AV

“ Antonio And Patsy Velázquez lit a candle in memory of Fredrick Douglas Peterson



Antonio and Patsy Velázquez - November 20, 2018 at 06:51 PM

AV

“ Patti Sue and kids. Sorry to hear of Fred's passing. We were very happy to have gotten to know him. Let the love that he had for all of you be the light in the sad times that follow. May he rest in peace.  
Patsy and Tono

Antonio and Patsy Velázquez - November 20, 2018 at 05:53 PM

CH

“ CELESTE HAGSTROM lit a candle in memory of Fredrick Douglas Peterson



CELESTE HAGSTROM - November 20, 2018 at 05:46 PM

JA

“ Jerry & Julene Asmus lit a candle in memory of Fredrick Douglas Peterson



Jerry & Julene Asmus - November 20, 2018 at 03:28 PM

RB

“ *R Baros lit a candle in memory of Fredrick Douglas Peterson*



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**R Baros** - November 20, 2018 at 01:00 PM

FF

“ *Fields Family lit a candle in memory of Fredrick Douglas Peterson*



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**Fields Family** - November 20, 2018 at 12:10 PM

TA

“ *Tom And Donna Atwood lit a candle in memory of Fredrick Douglas Peterson*



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**Tom and Donna Atwood** - November 20, 2018 at 12:09 PM

JF

“ *Jody Fields lit a candle in memory of Fredrick Douglas Peterson*



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**Jody Fields** - November 20, 2018 at 12:06 PM

TR

“ *Theil Ryan lit a candle in memory of Fredrick  
Douglas Peterson*



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**Theil Ryan** - November 20, 2018 at 11:29 AM