



Paulene J. (Peterson) Laubsch

April 14, 1948 - April 19, 2026

PIERCE -- Funeral service for Paulene June (Peterson) Laubsch, 78 of Pierce, will be held at 11:00 AM Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at St. John's Lutheran Church, rural Pierce. Officiating the service will be Reverend Jacob Tuma. Visitation will be held from 4:00 – 7:00 PM Tuesday also at St. John's Lutheran Church. The service will be live-streamed on the Stonacek Funeral Chapel Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/stonacekfuneralchapel/>. Burial will take place at Zion East Lutheran Cemetery, rural Pierce. Paulene entered her eternal rest on Sunday, April 19, 2026 at Accura Care Center, Pierce, NE after a long battle with several illnesses. Stonacek Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Paulene was the only child born to Lewis Paul and June Rozelle (Finzen) Peterson. She made her entrance into this world on April 14, 1948 and was raised on a farm north of Alcester, SD. Graduated from Alcester High School in Alcester, SD.

Paulene was blessed with four children: Paul, John, Theresa and James. They brought nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren to brighten her days and bring all kinds of excitement. Her extended family of cousins and “adopted family” were very important to Paulene as well.

She lived several years in El Paso, TX and returned to South Dakota before meeting and marrying Eldred Laubsch in June 2019. They made their home

together on a farmstead outside of Pierce, NE. She enjoyed their travels around the Midwest and South attending gun shows with Eldred and visiting family and national parks. Speaking of travels, one of the highlights of her life was her once-in-a-lifetime trip to Israel in 2015.

Paulene served many years in administrative and management roles including working at the University of South Dakota and for Gateway Computers. She also served in her church and with the American Heart Association, was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Joy Circle, and Pierce Legion Auxiliary.

Paulene is survived by her husband Eldred Laubsch of Pierce, NE; her son Paul Harkness of El Paso, TX; her daughter Theresa (Roger) Salazar of El Paso, TX, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents Lewis and June Peterson, sons John Harkness and James Harkness, her grandson Raymond Frye, and her daughter-in-law Paula Harkness.

Condolences can be expressed to the family online at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Zion East Lutheran Cemetery, Rural Hoskins

Rural Hoskins, NE 68740

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **28**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Johns Lutheran Church - Pierce

Located one mile east of Pierce, at the intersection of 552nd Ave. and 854th Rd.

Pierce, NE 68767

Funeral

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Paulene J. (Peterson) Laubsch*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - April 27 at 02:05 PM

JB

“ *Dear Eldred and family,
May it help you to know there are many people who
are thinking of you and caring about you in your time of sorrow.
Sending you our sympathy and love.
David and Judy (Synovec) Berkman of Tucson, Az.*

judith berkman - May 03 at 11:10 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paulene J. (Peterson) Laubsch.*



April 27 at 05:48 PM



“ 110 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - April 27 at 02:02 PM



“ Nancy Mathis purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of *Paulene J. (Peterson) Laubsch*.



Nancy Mathis - April 23 at 05:52 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Paulene J. (Peterson) Laubsch*.



April 23 at 03:47 PM

FF

“ Fierro Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Paulene J. (Peterson) Laubsch.



Fierro Family - April 23 at 09:13 AM

AS

“ I can't get this threw my head Paulene Laubsch was a long time family friend of my parents we all got very super close as to we r like family I hung with her kids a lot they whole family or my family would go to one anothers house once they moved back from El Paso we had a lot of fun and memories. I looked up to Pauleen as a mother but not by blood. She is finally in no more pain and suffering,I must add she's now again reunited with her 2 boys and daughter in law. Theresa Roger Salazar Paul Harkness



Angela Sands - April 22 at 03:05 PM

JS

“ So sorry hearing of Paulene passing. We remember how kind and friendly she was when she lived here in Sioux Falls. She was our Ladies Sunday school teacher and active in the church kids Awana program. I still have the gift she brought me back when she went to Israel. She was a great lady! We will keep the family in prayer Frank and Josephine Stapleton

Josephine Stapleton - April 22 at 01:23 PM

SB

“ Oh Pauline ,I missed you when you moved, now I'll miss you because you are gone, I will always cherish the earrings you brought me back from Israel, rest well my friend 💔

Shiryl Bushee - April 22 at 12:51 PM

SS

“ I enjoyed the 5 years that I spent working with Pauline at CNA. I'm so happy she was able to enjoy the final years of her life with Eldred in peace on their beloved farm. She was so very happy. My deepest sympathies to her loved ones. 💔

Sally Sundby - April 22 at 11:02 AM