



## Reta Mae Peters

February 12, 1929 - August 11, 2016

Reta Mae Peters died in her daughters home in Newberg Or. of difficulties from congestive heart failure and liver cancer on August 11th 2016. She was 87.

She was born February 12, 1929 to Frances E. and Effie (Armstrong) Anderson in Brocksburg (near Newport) Nebraska. She lived her early childhood on a farm in the Sand hills of Ne. She completed High School at Rock County High in 1946. Her teaching career of 45 years began in a one room school in Rock County Nebraska. Her first position was in the school where she attended grade school. After 4 years she taught kindergarten and music at the Bassett Grade School for 5 years. In 1955 she moved to Prairie City, Oregon where she taught 1st grade for 9 years.

Reta married Robert E. Peters June 21, 1958. To this union was born a son Steven and a daughter Rhoda. In 1962 the family moved to Newberg, Oregon. Robert attended George Fox University and she taught school at Gaston Elementary as a 2nd grade teacher for 22 years. In 1985 she retired in Oregon and that fall she and Robert moved to Chinle, Arizona. They were there until 1991 and then returned home to Dundee, Or. They both taught Navajo children while on the reservation.

Reta was always a busy active person in spite of having polio in 1931. She loved her home and had many friends. She liked to do crafts, genealogy, and lots of baking, and home canning. She liked to crochet and knit. Her real love was to making quilts and even hand quilted them. She and Robert even spent

time teaching crafts on ship cruises.

Reta was active in church as her father was an Assembly of God minister. Helped in summer Bible School, taught Sunday School classes from small children to adults. Her sister and she sang duets at church, funerals and weddings. She was attending the Timberline Baptist church before she could physically no longer attend.

Survivors include her husband Robert, her children Steven of Montana and daughter Rhoda, son in-law Dale Powlison of Newberg, two grandchildren Micah of Saint Paul, Or. and Symon serving in the U.S. army stationed in South Korea.

Reta is preceded in death by her mother Effie, father Frances, twin sisters Eileen and Evelyn, brothers Veril and Leland, a sister Naomi and a dear grand-daughter Rachel.

# Cemetery Details

## Valley View Memorial Park

24235 NE Dayton Avenue  
Newberg, OR 97132

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 19. 12:00 PM (PT)

Attrell's Funeral Chapel  
207 N Villa Rd  
Newberg, OR 97132  
(503) 538-2191  
info@attrells.com  
<https://www.attrells.com>

## Funeral Service

AUG 19. 1:00 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Attrell's Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Reta Mae Peters*



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**Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel** - August 18, 2016 at 09:10 PM

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*This is a beautiful tribute to her...*

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**Betty Waldron** - August 22, 2016 at 11:01 AM

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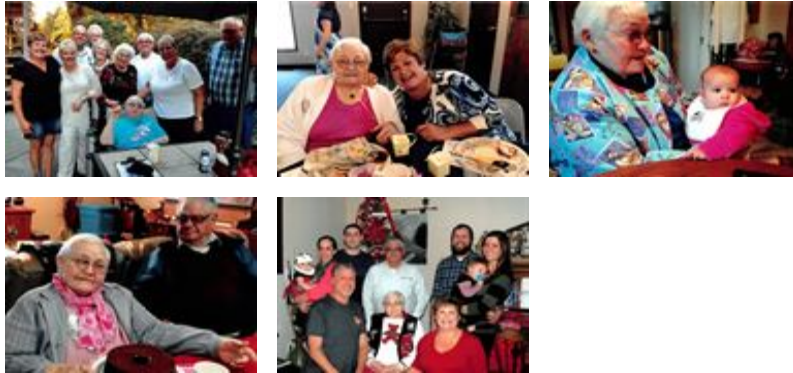
“ *Mrs. Peters was my favorite elementary school teacher. I was in her 2nd grade class at Gaston Elementary in 1972. She was a gifted educator and helped me tremendously. She went out of her way to provide me (an early reader) with enrichment activities, making sure that I continued to be challenged and learned to perform to my level of ability, never being satisfied with mediocre work. I have been forever grateful for the many lessons that I learned from her and visited with her many times after she retired from teaching. She lives on, forever in my memory.*

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**Tania Hand** - March 27, 2025 at 07:38 PM



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Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel - August 18, 2016 at 09:04 PM

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“ Aunt Reta was always a very special person in my life. She was my kindergarten & first grade teacher. She seemed so young & pretty and made her more like my friend than my teacher. One day when she called me to class & I was slow getting there, it seemed as was my habit, she brought out a Pokey Little Puppy sign & hung it around my neck & made me stand in the front of the room in front of all the kids in our country school, grades K- 8, for my entire class period. Needless to say the tears flowed freely & I was humiliated beyond measure but I was never slow going to class again. Of course, I forgave her but I've never forgotten the lesson she taught me that day... Thank You Aunt Reta, you will be sorely missed.

Betty Waldron - August 14, 2016 at 05:53 PM