

## Stonecutter

Allen Peters lived in Montana near Lake Elwell in 1940. He spent much of his life there alone. Then in 1951 he married Mary Lou. The two had one son Steve Peters. Allen worked as a self-employed stonecutter. His main job was cutting and lettering grave headstones; it was a solitary life with his wife and son. In 1955 Allen was called on by a man that wanted a stone cut for a friend that had passed on.

Allen was asked to come to Damariscotta, Maine. Here he would cut the most important head stone of his career. The stone was for Captain Zarkois of the Stavrosian Guard. The Captain was the head of the Recovery and Rescue unit that he formed in 1889. His unit found and saved the lives of Stavrosian families in Poland, Austria and Hungary during World War II.

Captain Zarkois worked in the German underground in 1940. After the war in 1946 he came to America. He helped relocate Stavrosians that had fled Europe, finding them places to work and live in America. The Captain died at 96 years old. He left behind a legacy of service, love and inspiration. The men and women that follow in the Guard service will have a high standard to fulfill in their duty to Stavrosians.

When Allen Peters asked why he had been chosen to cut the headstone, he was told that his family name was taken from the Stavrosian Register. In the days that followed Allen found out his own journey of discovery; he found his way into the known families.

Allen passed away in 2010 at 95 years old. His son Steve still lives near Lake Elwell where they have held their First Life Celebration with family and friends since their own discovery in 1956.

Steve Peters wrote that they call their reunion  
" The Zarkois Memorial Tournament".

The letter was sent in by Steve Peters, Independent Contractor.  
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