



Wayland F. Peterson

May 11, 1925 - June 4, 2020

Wayland F. Peterson, 95, beloved husband of Charlotte, passed away peacefully on June 4, 2020 surrounded by his daughters.

Born in Amherst, WI on May 11, 1925, Wayland attended Amherst schools until moving with his parents to Milwaukee. He graduated from Boys Technology and Trade School in Milwaukee and immediately enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. As a navigator in WWII, he flew missions out of Grottaglie Airfield near Taranto, Italy with the 449th Bombardment Group. After returning from Italy, he worked for the city of Milwaukee (most of his career as a civil engineer). Dad married the love of his life, Charlotte, on September 17, 1949. Together for 65 years, Dad and Mom showed us every day what family love, commitment to Christian values, education, and encouragement sounded, felt, and looked like. Dad graduated from Marquette University while raising his family: proud father to Debra, Jayne (Scott), Heidi (Jim) and Karin (Mark); grandfather to Alex (Jane Latham), Katy, Andy (Margo), Charlotte, Peter, Allison, Clint (Alisha), and Bryan (Barb); great-grandfather to Ava, Eli, and Neala.

Family and fishing were among Dad's greatest passions. He marked the passage of time with family get-togethers and what fish were running ... white bass in the spring, lake trout in the summer and ice-fishing in the winter ... actually, anything with fins and gills. Like the Pied Piper, Grandpa led the grandkids with cane poles in hand to the Amherst millpond, where he would dodge the flying lines while baiting hooks with the worms, they all dug from the garden. Grandpa showed everybody how to catch crayfish that he then cooked, creating lifelong memories.

Dad, you are and always will be the foundation of our family. God blessed us with your unconditional love. We love you – Debra, Jayne, Heidi, and Karin.

Wayland is preceded in death by Charlotte, his beloved wife; his parents, C.G and Edith Peterson and step-mother, Ina Peterson; his sister, Norma Jean and brother-in-law, Paul Lash; his brother, Norman and sister-in-law, Annette Peterson. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

We wish to thank everyone who helped care for Wayland in the past several years so he could stay in his home including Joan, Ruth, Jane, Amy, Sue, and Rhonda.

The outdoor funeral and interment service for Wayland will be held on Friday, June 12th, 1:00 pm at Greenwood Cemetery in Amherst, WI. As it is an outdoor service, all are welcome to attend. At a later date, a memorial service will be held at Peace Lutheran Church, Amherst, WI. The Jungers-Holly Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to Lettie W. Jensen Library, 278 N. Main St., Amherst, WI 54406.

Cemetery

Greenwood Cemetery

County Road KK and B
Amherst, WI,

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Graveside Service

01:00PM

Greenwood Cemetery

County Road KK and B, Amherst, WI, US

Comments



“ When I worked with Pete he gave nicknames to the 2 youngest guys on his crew. He gave the nicknames Fritzie to Ken Huber and Hansie to me.. Hansie and Fritzie were the young trouble makers in "The Katzenjammer Kids" cartoon strip that was popular back in the 1950s. Of course Pete was "Der Captain" the cartoon character who tried to control the 2 scheming youngsters. After we were blessed with the nicknames Ken and I always greeted each other as Hansie and Fritzie. The names Rich and Ken became a thing of the past for us.

Pete invited me to fish with him and his dad in Huron Bay on Lake Superior in the early 1970s, I believe. That was a lifetime fishing highlight, as they guided me to a large Steelhead Trout - an exciting catch for me.

When I began birdwatching in the early 1960s Pete would help me identify birds whenever he could. He occasionally when used names that were not in my bird watching guide. My favorite "Pete name" for a bird is Timberdoodle. For anyone who is interested knowing what a Timberdoodle I would urge you Google it.

Shortly after I joined Pete's survey crew in 1960 Pete and two other members of the crew encouraged me to get a college degree. I enrolled at the U. of Wyoming in September 1960. I transferred to the U. of Wisconsin in 1961 and graduated in 1964. I am grateful for that guidance. It was one of the best decisions I ever made. By the way, I met my wife at the U.of Wisconsin and our marriage was a very happy one.

Thank you Pete for your guidance and the fond memories. May you rest in peace, as you should be very proud of the life you lived. My condolences to Pete's daughters and all the other relatives he left behind

Rich Kallmann .

Rich Kallmann - June 13, 2020 at 11:13 PM



“ Please accept my condolences as you grieve the loss of your father, Wayland. My first acquaintance with Wayland and Charlotte was back in the 80's when they moved into the house next door on John St. My latest encounters with him were at Bethany Home in Waupaca while he was in therapy there. One memory of those years on John St was the night when the rain was falling and I saw this light moving around the yard between our houses. Upon investigation, it was Wayland picking up nightcrawlers for his next fishing trip. On one of my weeks serving as Chaplain at Bethany Home, I saw that he was a resident receiving therapy. We renewed our acquaintance and spent many minutes sharing memories and stories about Amherst. He loved to chat and sometimes I had to remind him that I needed to visit some other residents also. All in all, we had a warm friendship. May the Lord assure you of His love and care for your deceased parents for you families. Chaplain John Schmidt

Chaplain John Schmidt , - June 11, 2020 at 08:47 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wayland F. Peterson.



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