



Charles Raymond Peterson, Jr.

October 8, 1939 - February 18, 2020

Peterson, Charlie "Tuna" R., age 80 of Plymouth, passed on 2/18/2020.

He was the wrestling coach at Wayzata High School from 1967 to 1976, where he compiled an impressive 91-49-1 record for Dual Meets. In 1974 the team placed second in the State Tournament with a record of 16-0-0. Charlie "Tuna" Peterson retired from teaching in 1976 and then sold sports supplies and equipment for Champion Products, Inc.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to First Tee Burl Cup.

Memorial service will be held at 3PM on Monday, March 9th with visitation one hour prior, all at:

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Hopkins Chapel
1400 Mainstreet
Hopkins, MN 55343
(952) 938-9020
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Memorial Service

MAR 9. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Family and Friends of "Charlie Pete",

We were told of Charlie's passing by Paul Mullen and Coach Dave Mitchell of Luther College. It was very appropriate that they would contact us as it was only last year that we honored Charlie as one of the first All-American wrestlers for the Norse squad in 1961. Paul and Dave shared a big part in the 2019 Annual Golf Tournament hosted by retired multi-sport Luther coach, Kent Finanger. Kent identified Luther wrestling as the central focus of the tourney. Unfortunately, the dates of the event conflicted with the NCAA DI National Wrestling Tournament which we already were booked to attend.

After we left Luther in 1964 I did not see Charlie again until we chance met, some 40 years later at the above tourney. That meeting meant so much to me, especially the sparring bear hug, his ear-to-ear smile and his calling me "coach". All signature actions that you have experienced over the years as his friend and family member. I saw him on and off over later years and when I did not see him I would ask some Gopher fans about him. There was no problem in getting an update as it seemed that everyone with a maroon and gold jacket or sweatshirt knew his outwardly friendly fellow.

My wife, Peggy, and I had the pleasure of being Charlie's Coach and Assistant Coach for his senior year of wrestling at Luther. Our memories of him remain so vivid as a competitor's competitor, a pleasure to coach, an outstanding team leader and just a joyful, nice young man to be around. He was the type of teammate who makes the wrestling room come alive for everyone, especially for the new coach who assigned him to lead parts of practice sessions and learned so much from his knowledge and experience with the sport. The other very interesting part of Charlie was his appreciation for the importance of fun in life. He leaves us with many amusing stories that will continue to be told where he serves as the central character. A fitting legacy that prompts a few that will be told at the

upcoming Luther Wrestler's Homecoming set for June 12-13 on the Luther College campus.

All love, comfort and best wishes to the readers of this.

*Drs. Merle and Peggy Foss
Ann Arbor, MI*

Coach Merle Foss - March 16, 2020 at 12:55 PM



“ *Charlie was my Fayed teacher caddie master wrestling coach and golf coach, he made a big impact on my high school life. My memory is of him driving us around in his red Mustang convertible, he fit the whole team of 5 players into the convertible to take us to a match.*

Mike Nielsen - March 02, 2020 at 01:03 PM



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Kirk Johnson - February 27, 2020 at 12:22 PM