



Corwin Sidney Peterson

April 7, 1930 - August 25, 2020

Peterson, Corwin Sidney "Corky" Aged 90 of Minneapolis, died peacefully at home on August 25, 2020. Corky was born April 7, 1930 at what was then Hillcrest Hospital on Franklin and Harriet Ave, to Grace Hagen Peterson and G. Arvid Peterson. He graduated from Washburn High School in 1948, and after serving in the Navy during the Korean War, attended Drake University where he majored in Actuarial Science. At Drake, he met and married Doris (Mechaelson) Peterson in 1956, subsequently graduating from Drake in 1957. The rising field of computers beckoned, and Corky went to work for Remington Rand Univac in Minneapolis. He worked in the field of what is now known as Information Technology until 1979, leaving as Hennepin County Director of Data Processing. Corky began to acquire commercial real estate and he enjoyed the independence that managing property provided. He remained active in real estate until his death.

Corky satisfied his adventurous spirit beginning with high-school antics in his jeep, then in later years via daytrips on Lake Minnetonka with his pontoon boat and week- long jaunts on Lake Superior on his sailboat. He loved dogsledding both in the Minnesota Boundary Waters and the Canadian High Arctic. He made two trips to Greenland where he sledged with descendants both of Admiral Peary and his partner Matthew Henson, one of Corky's personal heroes. Corky touched foot both on Antarctica and the Arctic; traveling to Antarctica in 1997 via a Russian Trawler and then in 1999, at 70

years of age, cross-country skiing to the North Pole. He and Doris traveled extensively within the United States, Mexico, Europe and the Far East. Travel highlights include reconnecting with family in Norway and Sweden, getting lost in Moscow, chasing and tackling a pickpocket in Chile. Golf was a passion for many years, and memories of late winter junkets with friends to courses in Mexico and the southern States generated many stories.

Corky is survived by Doris, his wife of 64 years, daughter Sheila Peterson of New York City and grandson Benjamin Peterson also of New York City, son Curt Peterson of Minneapolis, many loving nieces and nephews, and a large group of friends, many dating from his earliest school years. An interment ceremony with immediate family will take place at Lakewood Cemetery. Corky's wish for a lively party to celebrate his life will be honored as soon as such gatherings are again safe. Memorials preferred to Humane Society of Minneapolis [animalhumanesociety.org/donate/...](http://animalhumanesociety.org/donate/) Stories or memories of Corky appreciated to: slpnycmsp@gmail.com

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