



## Mr. Donald Richard Peterson

March 30, 1933 - August 20, 2019

Donald Richard Peterson, age 86, went peacefully to his eternal rest on August 20, 2019 after a courageous 17 year battle with cancer. He will be missed by the many who love him and have been a part of his adventurous life. His love for adventure was a hallmark of his life; flying, sailing, hang gliding and finding little adventures everywhere. He loved making friends everywhere he went.

Born March 30, 1933 to Oscar and Ethel Peterson of Centuria, Wisconsin. He had many fond memories of his childhood in Centuria with his older brother Merald Peterson. After High School, he joined the Army and went on to continue his education at Gustavus Adolphus College and further studies as a Civil Engineer at the University of Minnesota. He continued to serve in the Army Reserves and the Army Corps of Engineers for 6 years. He met the love of his life, Kay Peterson, during these years. They were joined in marriage on April 15, 1961. Don and Kay have two children, Michael and Susan. Don served as a Civil Engineer for the City of St. Paul and then as City Engineer for South St. Paul. He made his mark with roadways, city planning and land developments in St. Paul, Eden Prairie and the surrounding Western Suburban area during his many years of Engineering and Land Development.

Don's enthusiasm for life and making friends continued throughout his years. He will be remembered by everyone he touched, including those who cared

for him in his last days. It was often remarked by his caregivers how moved they were by the witness of his love for his wife Kay. We will miss him as his family continues to grow.

Don is survived by the love of his life, his bride of 57 years, Kay Inez Peterson of Siren Wisconsin; his son Michael Peterson, wife Danielle Cezanne and granddaughter Arielle Peterson; Susan (Peterson) Steadman, husband Michael Steadman and granddaughters Alexandra Steadman, Julia Steadman, Maria Steadman, newly married Emmalee (Steadman) Vazza and her husband Michael Vazza. He is preceded in death by Oscar and Ethel Peterson of Centuria, Wisconsin and brother, Merald Peterson of Balsam Lake, Wisconsin.

Visitation scheduled for 10:00 am prior to  
Memorial Service at 11:00 am  
On Friday, September 27

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church  
5025 Knox Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55419

[www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com)  
Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **27**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Memorial Service

SEP **27**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald Richard Peterson.*



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September 26, 2019 at 08:19 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald Richard Peterson.*



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September 23, 2019 at 10:09 PM