



Donald William Peterson

January 23, 1926 - November 8, 2020

Donald W. Peterson, 94, died on November 8, 2020 of cancer. Son of William and Adelaide Peterson, he grew up in Minneapolis and spent many summers working on relatives' farms in Rush City, Minnesota. One of seven children, he was preceded in death by sisters, Carole Bachen, Laverne Roseth, Gladys Peterson, and brother, Jerry Peterson. Don graduated from Dunwoody Technical Institute and worked as a Master Electrician for Sterling Electric and Dayton's. He supervised and managed the wiring of Southdale, the first indoor mall in the country. Don loved to golf, walking the course until his 93rd year. He read the Star Tribune daily, especially following the sports, politics and science sections. He had a never-ending curiosity and was a lifelong learner. Beloved husband of 70 years to Joann, father of daughter Kathryn (Jeff) Edmonds, and son Thomas (Terri) Peterson. He is also survived by four grandsons: Matthew (Jungeun), Benjamin (Carrie), Jason Edmonds, and Joshua (Stephanie) Peterson, and seven great-grandchildren: Kendra, Zachary, Nicolas, Rylan, Maya, Jonah and Asher Edmonds. Don and Joann wintered in Florida, where they developed many lasting friendships. Known in his family as "Pete," he is survived by sisters Loretta (Carlton) Whiting and Jane Lundby, as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews. He dearly loved his family and his family returned that love. He will be sorely missed. Proud to have voted in his last election, Don kept inquiring about the results in his end days. Finally, just hours before he passed away, he learned of Biden's victory. A private family service will be held at Lakewood Chapel, and a celebration of

Don's life is planned for the summer of 2021. The family thanks St. Croix Hospice and all the nursing staff for their care.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)

3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 14. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Lakewood Memorial Chapel
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Church Service

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