



Vernon "Captain Bud" Peterson

May 20, 2012

Peterson, Vernon LeRoy "Captain Bud" age 86, of Bloomington, passed away in peace on May 17, 2012 surrounded by his family after a short battle with cancer. Preceded in death by his parents, Hans and Esther; wives, Eleanor and Ann. Survived by children, Linda (Lowell) Singerman, Bonnie (A.J.) McDonald and Jack (Patti) Peterson; step- daughter, Joanne Kvalsten; 5 grandchildren, Rita, Alex, Samantha, Travis and Zak; sister, Virginia Prest; many cousins, nieces and nephews. Bud was born in Mpls, was baptized and confirmed at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, graduated Roosevelt H.S. and he life guarded at Lake Nokomis. He served in the Seabees during WWII, primarily in Hawaii after Pearl Harbor. Though he started his professional career in masonry / construction, he later became a Captain on the paddlewheel boat (Jubilee) in Stillwater, then onto the Mississippi on numerous boats (Viking Explorer, Jonathan Paddleford, Josiah Snelling, Spirit of Dubuque, Mississippi Belle and the Casino Rock Island). He also was active in many theatrical venues, a charter member of Bloomington Civic Theater, Morris Park Father Singers and the Fogie Follies. He not only built sets, handled lighting, but starred as a comedy lead in many productions. He was known for his deep commanding bass voice. He also loved scuba diving. He was a fix-it genius and helped many with their projects. There was always a water theme in dad's life, life guarding, Navy, scuba diving to the river boats - - - it all started with his baptism. He will be deeply missed by many. Funeral service Monday, May 21, 10:00 AM with visitation one hour prior to service,

and also Sunday, May 20 (TODAY) from 3-6 PM at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Werness Brothers Chapel 2300 W Old Shakopee Rd 952-884-8145

Tribute Wall

TG

“ For all those who spend a lifetime on self-promotion and seem to have sold their followers on the need for a flamboyant final tribute, there are people like Bud, whom you actually want to be like, someone you'd want your kids to emulate. It wasn't just his boat handling and mechanical skills, although I can't turn a wrench without feeling his presence. It was his values, his pleasure in a good day's work, his willingness to help and teach how to do a job right, his sense of fairness, his unabashed membership in the working class, his empathy for the little guy--burly liberal values foreign to anyone I knew 27 years my senior. When Bud spoke with you, he had that quality of making you feel you were the most important thing happening at the moment, and yet, thankfully, he wouldn't hesitate to call you out when your thinking was cockamamie. All of us need--and plenty of us seek--someone to guide us in a way our immediate families can't. In the early 1980s, Bud was that teacher. He led me through places I probably had no business being. Now, I'll have to live with the fact that I didn't tell him so. Proof that plenty of times, the good don't always die young. For my mentor and pal, Bud, no more trouble in River City.

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Tom Graham,

Seattle, Washington

Tom Graham - May 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NI

“ *Dear Bonnie, Linda, Jack and Family, It was our privilege to provide care for your beloved father. We share in your grief and send you our love. Your Friends at Little Hospice*

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NC Little Memorial Hospice Inc,

www.littlehospice.org, Minnesota

NC Little Memorial Hospice Inc - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dear Linda, Bonnie and Jack - I'm thinking of you at this time, as you feel the loss of your Dad. When I think of your Dad, I can almost hear his deep voice and see his smile. Your family will always hold a special place in the hearts of the Swanson family. With love and many happy memories of you and your Mom & Dad, Leslie Swanson Reddick

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Leslie Swanson/Reddick,

Houston, Texas

Leslie Swanson/Reddick - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ JR & I want to send out our deepest condolences to the family. JR shared many fond memories with me, & I am grateful that I got to meet Uncle Bud on a couple of occasions. May fond memories always remain alive in your hearts.

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Linda Andrusko,

Sequim, Washington

Linda Andrusko - May 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Dear Linda and Bonnie - Thinking of you both and your family. Praying you find peace and comfort in the memories that you share. With heartfelt condolences, Luanne Welter & Jolene Bennett(Welter)

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Luanne Welter,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Luanne Welter - May 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We will miss Bud's booming voice and unique sense of humor in the neighborhood. He always had not only a ready story and well-placed jibe, but a willingness to lend a hand whenever one was needed. What a wonderful neighbor to have had the pleasure of knowing for the last 23+ years! Our thoughts are with his family on their loss - know that he touched many others' lives. Laurie & Jim Mertz

May 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM