



Ronald E. Peterson

June 8, 1936 - September 15, 2020

Ronald E. Peterson (Big Pete), 84, of New Britain, passed away Tuesday (September 15, 2020) at Hartford Hospital with his son Eric by his side. A New Britain native and longtime resident, he graduated from New Britain High School, class of 1954, and served with the US Marine Corp at the end of the Korean Conflict and then aboard the USS Ticonderoga as a Captain's orderly. Pete spent his professional life in the building and roofing profession, before retiring in 2002. He was formerly affiliated with First Lutheran Church in New Britain and was a member of the SVEA Club in Berlin.

He enjoyed spending time in places like The Grand, Rosie O'Grady's, The Jock Strap and most especially the Swede's club. He associated with people who went by names such as Smitty, The Miller Man, Butch, Bruno, The Z Man, YT, Bushy, Pot Belly Bang—the list goes on and on. He liked swimming, reading, sports, bar rooms, shooting craps, and the track. He kept company with women who were always a little younger than he was. His soul was younger than his age right to the very end.

He was a devoted father who always showed genuine interest in his son's pursuits whether it was baseball, billiards, fishing, golf, academics, or agriculture (and even some less reputable pursuits). He spent his final years at home enjoying the company of his family.

Surviving is his son, Eric Peterson of Berlin and his fiancée, Amanda Bengtson; his ex-wife (or as he would say old girlfriend) Elizabeth Peterson of Berlin; a sister, Shirley Kwasnick of Newington; two granddaughters, Lily and

Jessa Peterson; and three nieces Nancy, Sandy, and Rhonda. Pete was predeceased by his parents, Eric and Ada (Kelish) Peterson and a sister, Marilyn Peterson.

His funeral was private. There were no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your local establishment. Upon arrival you should put away 40 draught beers, make nice with the bar maid while tipping her handsomely, and treat all others with a mix of humor, sincerity, and irreverence. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain, is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Private Location

Tribute Wall

JT

“ We called him pete mullins at o,gradys. a kind wonderfull man of kindness and good humor. I used to bartend there he was the best. God bless you Pete.....John Turner.

John turner - March 11, 2021 at 02:07 AM

KW

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Big Pete’s passing. He is a part of my very first memories in life. I remember my father taking me for a ride to see “ the BeerMan”. I remember him over the house watching football with my father. He and my father bartended at my high school sorority’s party! He was always a good time and he was such a good man. May he rest in peace.

Kathy Winters - October 07, 2020 at 08:13 AM

BP

“ Rest In Peace Pete. Thank you for everything that you did for Eric and for me. You showed us kindness, gentleness, and patience. We will miss you.

beth peterson - September 26, 2020 at 12:33 PM

RK

Ron was an avid fan of my "Word Watch" column about language in the Hartford Courant. He would often write me or call me with his wonderful ideas about language. In some cases, he devised quizzes about words that I used in my column. He was always so cheerful and supportive of me and my column, and his encouragement has sustained by in writing it for 28 years! Although we never met in person, I've always considered him a great friend. I'm very sorry to learn of his passing. - Rob Kyff

Rob Kyff - October 01, 2020 at 11:54 AM