



## Ronald T. Peterson, Sr.

July 7, 1930 - November 4, 2014

Ronald T. Peterson, 84, widower of Barbara Ryiz Peterson, died peacefully on Tuesday Nov 4, 2014 at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain with his family by his side. While Ronald spent his last years as a resident of Apple Rehab Care Facility in Cromwell, he had lived in New Britain his whole life. Born at home, to Ebba Carlson and Sven Peterson, he attended local schools and proudly went on to become "Salutatorian" of his high school graduating class. After a "hitch" in the US AirForce, which generated an interest in engine mechanics, Ron went on to a successful 30 year career at Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford until retiring due to illness in 1985. A loyal and loving husband to Barbara for 43 years until her death in May of 2000, a wonderful and supportive father to his three boys and a warm and nurturing role model to his 6 cherished grandchildren, Dad will always be remembered by all as a true intellectual. While he eschewed most of this life's more trivial trappings, Ron's true passion was for the written word: Books, books and more books. From H.L. Mencken to P.G. Wodehouse, he'd read them all, twice.

Ron was predeceased by his youngest son, James S. Peterson, and will be sadly missed by those he left behind; two sons, Thomas Peterson and his wife Mary-Jo of New Britain; and Ronald "Corky" Peterson, Jr. and his partner Holly Horner of Silver Springs, MD; a daughter-in-law, Margaret Peterson of New Britain; two siblings, Robert V. Peterson of New Britain and a sister Roberta Cogswell of Payson, AZ; along with six cherished grandchildren;

Elizabeth Peterson of New Britain, Olivia Peterson of Washington, DC, Lauryn Navarro of Boston, MA, Matthew Peterson of New Britain, Keith Hyland of West Haven and Michael and Marybeth Hyland of Pheonix, AZ; and many loving family and friends, especially his good and faithful friend, sister-in-law Judy Ryiz. Besides his son youngest son James, he was predeceased by his siblings, Florine Peterson, Elizabeth "Betty" Eachus, George Peterson and Marion Barks.

Funeral services will be held Friday 9:15 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial 10 AM at St. Josephs Church, 195 South Main Street, New Britain. Entombment will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. Calling hours are Thursday 4 to 7 PM at Carlson Funeral Home. Ron's family wishes to extend special thanks to all his caregivers at Apple Rehab in Cromwell. Memorial donations may be made to the New Britain Public Library, High Street, New Britain, CT 06051. Please share a memory or note of sympathy with Ron's family by clicking on "Send Condolences" at the bottom of this page.

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“ We will always love "Big R" more than just a brother-in-law...brother, father, friend. Rest in peace, till we meet again. All our Love, Aunty KK & Uncle Stan xoxox

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**Cathy & Stan Lizon** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was so saddened to hear of uncle Ron's passing.. I remember his cheek pinches when I was just a boy. Such a warm ,gentle soul. He is now with my mom who adored him. I would like to reconnect with Tommy and Ronnie if possible.

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**Fred Barks** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM