



Willard James Peterson

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Willard James Peterson, 83, of Fort Myers, FL died Monday, July 4, 2016 at Hope Hospice Shellpoint of Fort Myers, FL. He was born September 11, 1932 in Chicago, IL to the late Oscar Peterson and Alice Anderson Peterson. Willard received his BA Degree in 1953 from Wheaton College and ultimately received his Master's Degree from the University of Chicago. Willard married his loving bride, Eunice in 1960 in Chicago, IL. He enjoyed life whether it was via playing a good round of golf, reading a book, traveling, listening to music or watching sports on TV (golf, tennis or basketball). He was strong in his faith and was a member of Glen Ellyn Covenant Church of Glen Ellyn, IL and New Hope Presbyterian of Fort Myers, FL. Professionally, Willard worked as a portfolio manager with ABN AMRO. He was a member of the Bond Club of Chicago and Sanctuary Golf Club of Sanibel, FL. He remained interested in current events and will be sorely missed by many. Willard is survived by his loving wife of 56+ years, Eunice Peterson; their four children, Lisa Wald (Rob) of Raleigh, NG; Kristin Hughes (Kent) of Wheaton, IL; Andrea Davis (Michael) of Lewisville, TX and Keith Peterson of Glen Ellyn, IL. He is also survived brother Paul Peterson (Carolyn) of Fort Myers, FL and five grandchildren; Zachary Wald, Dustin Wald, Sasha Hughes, Haakon Davis and Marit Davis. A Memorial Service for Mr. Peterson will be celebrated at 2:00 PM on Friday, August 5, 2016 at New Hope Presbyterian Church 10051 Plantation Road, Fort Myers, FL 33966. Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home is assisting the family. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to New Hope Presbyterian Church 10051 Plantation Road, Fort Myers, FL 33966; Heifer International 1 World Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72202 or Hope Hospice 9470 Healthpark Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908. Online condolences and memories may be shared on his tribute page at www.fortmyersmemorial.com



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RL

Robin And Joan Lilly posted:

We are so sad to here of the passing of Will. He and Eunice were nice enough to let us stay at their house in Sanibel. They even took us out to dinner at their favorite restaurant. It just showed how nice and wonderful they are. Our son was very young at the time. He is now 25, but remembers that trip. Mr. Peterson will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Joan and Robin Lilly Lexington, KY

August 29 at 6:17 AM

CN

Char Nelson posted:

We will surely miss Wil, a gentle personable man. Our thoughts and prayers are with Eunice and his family. Paul and Char Nelson

July 8 at 12:50 PM

RC

Ralph Clark posted:

Will was one of the finest human beings I have known. On our many days together on the golf course or range, Will was always upbeat about everything except maybe his game. Always up on happenings in the world and interested in life and lives of friends. We will surely miss him. Ralph Clark

July 8 at 11:19 AM

BG

Bob Gould posted:

A real gentleman, we will miss the good times and conversation we have had with Will and Eunice. He was a great asset for the Sanddollar. God Bless Bob & Kay Gould

July 8 at 8:37 AM

JS

John Schmidlin posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Will. Having golfed with him many times, he was always a gentleman on and off the course. Will was a person that made the world a better place. I am grateful for having known him and will miss him.

July 8 at 4:40 AM



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BS

Barbara Shaw posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Willard James Peterson

July 7 at 12:52 PM

JP

Joe Palchak posted:

i played golf with Will when we first joined a few years ago on the pick-up game days. He loved the game and was a true gentleman. Our condolences to his family. Joe and Carolyn Palchak

July 7 at 8:58 AM

MN

Margaret Nelson posted:

Will, Pete Reuling and I spent many fun times together at the Sanctuary Fitness Center. Pete called us â??The Three Amigos.â? I would add perseverance to all the other descriptions of Will which include fun, gentle, kind, friendly, and good-hearted. At the Fitness Center, Will would spend an hour on the recumbent bike, with great determination to lose weight. We send our sympathy to Eunice. Margaret (and Steve) Nelson

July 7 at 6:16 AM

JJ

John Jacobs posted:

I first met Will playing golf at the Sanctuary five or six years ago. What a wonderful and caring man. One day Will and I both had very good rounds and from the day forward I always told Will whenever we played that he was my inspiration. I so much enjoyed Will's company and we will miss him greatly. John and Lana Jacobs

July 7 at 4:32 AM

JP

Jim Pouliot posted:

Oops, should have said Will marked his ball with a "W".

July 6 at 4:18 PM



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AC

Andrew Carnell posted:

Will was a man who will be remembered by all as a truly nice man who always went out of his way to great you with a smile and a kind word. Andrew Carnell

July 6 at 2:53 PM

DC

Denise Carnell posted:

Will & I spent many a convivial hour together at the Sanctuary practice range. He was always ready with a warm welcome & friendly encouragement. Denise Carnell

July 6 at 2:47 PM

CK

Chuck And Helen Ketteman posted:

Will was a wonderful person. Fun to be with, always positive, a gentle, good hearted soul. We enjoyed many good times on the golf course. And at the Sanctuary. Our hearts go out to Eunice and his family. Chuck and Helen Ketteman

July 6 at 12:47 PM

PS

Paul C Schneider posted:

Will was a quiet freindly man. Occasionally, I would talk with him on the Sanctuary Driving Range. He was a nice man.

July 6 at 12:36 PM

MJ

Myra & Tony St John posted:

Will was a lovely man who will be missed. Myra and Tony St John

July 6 at 10:14 AM



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JP

Jim Pouliot posted:

Will was a sweetheart of a man and truly a friend to all. I'm happy to have had a chance to know him from many rounds of golf at The Sanctuary. Here is my favorite story. As many know, Will put a large "M" on his golf ball to mark it. One day playing hole #5 he hit his second shot into the woods short of the hole. Normally we don't even go into that area to look but I thought I could find it so headed in. I immediately saw about a dozen balls in the area so picked up as many as I could and headed back to Will. He asked if I found his ball and I said I wasn't sure. Then I found that 5 of the 8 balls I carried out had "W" on them. Will immediately said "those are M's. Warren Meyers must have hit them in there." He said this with a warm smile and we had a great laugh. That's how I'm going to remember this wonderful man.

July 6 at 8:35 AM

AK

Alan Klutch posted:

Will was a wonderful man we were partners in several member member tournaments, as well as in match play competitions. He was a great partner & will be missed.

July 6 at 7:46 AM

JB

Joseph M Boyle posted:

I miss our conversations at our locker space at our golf club. You would ask me questions on the building of the "Marguerite" 95' Hargrave Yacht. You always had a huge smile teasing me about where I stole the money to buy the yacht. You will be missed. Joseph M. Boyle

July 6 at 6:31 AM

KT

Ken Trudell posted:

Met Will on practice range at Sanctuary. Come to know him as a soft spoken Christian man. He was always positive and am sure he kiss meeting all his friends in Heaven. We' will Rembrandt his smileKen Trudell

July 6 at 5:42 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Willard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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