



## John David Peterson

December 25, 1926 - March 1, 2022

John David Peterson, age 95, went to his heavenly home on March 1, 2022.

Born on Christmas Day 1926 in Nevada, Iowa, he grew up on a farm in Story County, Iowa and attended Nevada High School. He was drafted and enlisted in the United States Army in June 1945 and served as a Sergeant Major in Lighorn, Italy, working as a clerk in a station hospital. He returned to the United States on Christmas Eve 1946 and was honorably discharged on February 1, 1947. John later attended the University of Iowa and received a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1950. He would use that degree with a career in the insurance industry, serving as an executive underwriter, most notably with the Iowa National Mutual Insurance Company. John married his beloved wife, Frieda, on June 11, 1955 in Orlando, Florida. They moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa later that year where they lived for 30 years and started their family, raising four children.

John was a follower of Jesus and served his church in many ways, often serving on the church council in various capacities, assisting with communion, and attending bible studies and men's groups. He was an avid reader and enjoyed biographies, particularly those involving military leaders from World War II. John was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Optimist Club, Delta Sigma Pi (business fraternity), and Toastmasters. He was also a sports fan, his favorite of which was baseball, and his favorite team was the Chicago Cubs,

who he was able to cheer on to a World Series title in 2016.

John and Frieda enjoyed traveling after they retired, making trips to Europe, taking cruises, and road trips around the States, as well as visiting their children and grandchildren. He surely would stop early enough where they could enjoy a meal and imbibe with a cocktail or two.

John is survived by his wife of sixty-six years, Frieda, his children Gordon Peterson and his husband, Nile Rowan, Laura (Peterson) Haynie and her husband, Stephen Haynie, Steven Peterson and his wife, Shelly Peterson, and Andrew Peterson and his wife, Kim Peterson. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, Erik Peterson, Bradley Peterson, Jack Peterson, Eliza Peterson, Lily Peterson, Sam Peterson, and Ellison Peterson.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 4:00PM ET at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Winter Park, Florida. He will be inurned at Bushnell National Cemetery at a later date.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to either: Cornerstone Hospice Foundation, 2445 Lane Park Rd, Tavares, FL 32778 (<https://cornerstonehospice.org/the-foundation>)

Redeemer Lutheran Church: <http://www.redeemerwp.org>

Orlando Lutheran Towers Foundation: <https://orlandoseniorhealth.org/lutheran-towers-nonprofit-foundation>

The family of John Peterson invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his loving memory.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 9. 4:00 PM (ET)

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
3377 Aloma Ave  
Winter Park, FL 32792

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ John and Frieda were long time friends with us while we attended St John Lutheran Church. John served on the Pastoral Call committee with me and others and I so enjoyed all of our time together as we got to know each other personally. He and Frieda raised four wonderful children and John was a smart, funny and deeply spiritual man and friend. He was a huge Cub fan and you could count on John to share a Cub story you had not heard before. We wish Frieda and family our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. RIP our friend.

*Jim and Diane DeMark*

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**Jim and Diane DeMark** - March 13, 2022 at 04:25 PM

LS

“ I had the pleasure of working with John David Peterson ("Pete") at Iowa National as his secretary for almost 20 years. He was always a gentleman and a wonderful mentor! I've also had the privilege of a continued friendship with Pete and his wife, Frieda, for many years after Iowa National. Treasured friendships. Knowing he is now at peace with our/his Lord and savior is a wonderful comfort. Rest in peace, Pete. We will miss you and always love you. Linda Neighbor, Carol and Aaron Neighbor

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**LSN** - March 10, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John David Peterson.*



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March 08, 2022 at 11:06 AM



“ *It is hard to put into words what you all mean to us. Our hearts and minds are with you today— and will continue to be with you through all of life’s joys and challenges. Your dad always had a wonderful, loving family around him and we cannot think of a happier memory.*

*Love Jim and Todd*

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**James Haag** - March 08, 2022 at 09:30 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John David Peterson.*



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March 07, 2022 at 10:28 AM



“ *Friends & Family Spectrum Reach DFW Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John David Peterson.*



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**Friends & Family Spectrum Reach DFW Team** - March 04, 2022 at 06:31 PM