



James Walter Peterson

January 30, 1947 - March 30, 2020

SGM James Walter Peterson, 73, passed away on Monday, Mar. 30, 2020, enroute to Shands Hospital in Gainesville, FL. He will be laid to rest at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery in Mims, FL, on Apr. 8.

Jim was born Jan. 30, 1947, in Long Beach, Calif., to Virginia Ann McDonald and Otis Wilson Peterson. He graduated in 1965 from Balboa High School, Panama Canal Zone, and enlisted into the U.S. Army on the Army's birthday, June 14, 1966. During his 24 years of service he was stationed at many posts in the United States, South Korea, Panama, Belgium, and West Germany. He retired on Oct. 1, 1990, from his final assignment as a Protocol Officer for the Office of the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, the Pentagon.

He then built JMAR Management and Training and began another 20-year career of training thousands of military, government and private business protocol specialists. After he retired from his second career he became deeply involved in his family genealogy and continued another type of public service by joining the Smyth County, Virginia, Historical and Museum Society in Marion, Virginia, the county of his mother's ancestors.

Jim is survived by his wife of 46 years, Mary Ann Melchert, 3 sons, James W. Peterson II (Janine) of Walworth, NY, Donald C. Peterson (Marianne) of Farmington, NY, and Robert W.W. Peterson of Orlando, FL; daughter Jennifer

Ann Feltus (Rob) of Appleton, WI, 10 grandchildren, and a brother, R.O.
Peterson (Leslie) of Acworth, GA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Jim's favorite charity, St. Jude's
Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

5525 US Highway 1
Mims, FL 32754

Tribute Wall



“ Jim you will leave a big hole in our lives because you were the perfect picture of a man who cherished his friends and family. Our 46 year friendship was such a comfort to me when Jack was ill and passed away. You and Mary were there to provide a shoulder to lean on and talking about our times together during holidays helped ease the pain.

I'm Free

by Shannon Lee Moseley

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.

I'm following the path God has chosen for me.

I took His hand when I heard Him call;

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,

to laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way;

I've found now peace at the end of the day.

If my parting has left a void,

then fill it with remembered joys.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;

Oh yes, these things, I too will I miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

look for the sunshine of tomorrow

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

look for the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much;

good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.

Perhaps my time seems all too brief;

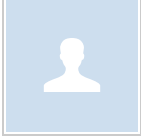
don't lengthen your time with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and peace to thee,

God wanted me now – He set me free.

You will be in my heart always. Your friend Renate

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