



## James "Jim" Ronald Peters

December 17, 1932 - July 14, 2024

James Ronald Peters ("Jim"), of Peoria, passed away on July 14th surrounded by his loving family. He was born on December 17, 1932 in Harrisburg, PA, to Samuel J. and Alice (Anderson) Peters. Surviving are his wife, Judy (Novotny) Peters and their children, Dr. Robert (Kristen) Peters of San Clemente, CA, Janet (Daniel) Hellige and Todd (Candis) Peters of Peoria. Jim was a grandfather to Katelynn (Michael) Wenzel, Jacob (Elizabeth) Hellige, Kara (Zach) Roat, Eliza (Alec) Murphy, James, J.J., Sam and Grant Peters and Wren and Quinn Hellige. He was a great-grandpa to Nora, Charlie, Jack, Liam, Max, Mila and Harper.

Jim grew up in South Bend, IN, and attended Purdue University before serving in the US Army during the Korean War (1953-1955). He then moved to Peoria and graduated from Bradley University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He always said 1959 was his best year as after graduation he married his college sweetheart and began his life long career with Komatsu.

Jim was an active member of First United Methodist Church for over 60 years. He was a member of S.A.E and enjoyed volunteering at Wheels of Time. His life-long interest in cars brought him much enjoyment.

One of his favorite memories was his trip to Washington, D.C., with his

grandson Jake, on the Honor Flight. Jim was happiest when spending time with his family. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Wheels of Time, Peoria, IL, or Honor Flight, Peoria, IL.

Cremation has been accorded. We want to thank the staff at Grandview for their loving care and compassion.

Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ To The James Peters Family, May your beloved Jim rest in Enteral Peace with our Heavenly Father. My deepest sympathy to you & yours. Regards, Eric & Michele Grimm

ERIC J. GRIMM - July 19, 2024 at 02:30 PM

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“ Uncle Jim’s love of cars was legendary, and indeed he’d owned some of the very best. It made my day when he approved of my first car purchase; decades later he sent me a page from one of his specialty auto trading magazines, so I would know what my car was worth. Everyone knew the Indy 500 was his annual special event!



He seemed to always have a smile, a hint of a twinkle of humor in his eye. He was one of the most respectful, loving, family men I’ve known. May his loved ones, especially his sweet wife, Aunt Judy, have their broken hearts healed by many warm memories they created over the decades they were blessed to have together. And may he now rest in eternal peace.

Deb Novotny - July 19, 2024 at 12:42 AM

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“ Brian, Andrea, and Nadiya Novotny purchased the Mouthwatering Meat and Cheese Gift Tower for the family of James "Jim" Ronald Peters.



Brian, Andrea, and Nadiya Novotny - July 18, 2024 at 07:56 PM