



Mr. Gary A. Peterson of Hoffman Estates

January 9, 1945 - February 16, 2022

Gary A. Peterson, 77, of Hoffman Estates, Illinois.

Gary was an artist, a teacher, a coach, an actor doing more than 50 plays, a member of the US Military, a Lion, and a lifelong learner, a father, husband and friend. He touched so many lives. Gone but never forgotten.

Loving husband of Jackie Peterson, nee Pavlus; devoted father of Drew (Lisa) Peterson and Reed Peterson; cherished grandfather of Kyra and Devin; beloved brother of Dale (the late Beverly) Peterson and the late Dick (Judy) Peterson; fond brother in law of Jean Ohlenkamp; Uncle and friend to many.

There will be a celebration of life on Saturday, April 23rd at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 930 W Higgins Road, Schaumburg, IL 60195. Friends and family are asked to come for a visitation at 1:00 P.M. till time of service at 2:00 P.M. Cookies and coffee to follow in the church basement.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the American Lung Association (https://action.lung.org/site/Donation2?df_id=31272&mfc_pref=T&31272.donation=form1) or to ALS (https://donate.als.org/give/355106?gclid=CjwKCAiA9tyQBhAIEiwA6tdCrIkQyDJTGbfVZRbpgcRcjFaHhLdBhCWVqn-Rs7ZxieTrBOzh9JV1lxoCwSIQAvD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds#!/donation/checkout)

The family has created this Life Tributes page to make it easy to share your memories, photos, and videos.

For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444. Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, at 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169.

For those of you that would have attended services and would like to express your

condolences to the family, please click on the link above and you can leave the family a message, with the share a memory link. If you wish to send a Sympathy Card to the Family, please feel free to send it to Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, 60169 c/o The Family. We will gladly forward it on.

Cemetery Details

The Directors at Morizzo Funeral Home entrusted with any Visitation, Funeral & Committal; requested.

2550 Hassell Road
(Northeast corner at Barrington Road)
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
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<http://MorizzoFuneralHome.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 23. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Schaumburg
930 West Higgins Road
Schaumburg, IL 60195
<http://www.princeofpeace.net>

Funeral Service

APR 23. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary A. Peterson of Hoffman Estates.*



April 22 at 12:07 PM

AA

“ *I had the privilege to know Gary for two short years. Of course, Gary was a friend to all who met him. I wish that I could have met him earlier in my life. What I enjoyed most about Gary was his humor, warm nature, knowledge, and his love of Family. He loved talking about his grandkids, and his sons Drew and Reed. We will all miss you. May you rest in peace.*
Love, Andre & Robin

Andre Arsenault - April 07 at 03:09 PM

AA

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Andre Arsenault - March 31 at 03:44 PM

“ It is with a heavy heart that I am here today writing thoughts about our dear friend Gary.

We met Gary when he was the coach of my son's soccer team, we immediately became friends and through out the years we have enjoyed so many good times together. He was the kind of person who lived his life to the fullest. I would think he left this earth with no regrets. So many people don't get a chance to follow their dreams but Gary did. From sailing his own boat to acting in plays, expressing his art through his many paintings. His passion for the Chicago Cubs that he enjoyed with his brothers, nephews and sons was so special to him. He was a devoted family man and a friend that would lend a helping hand to anyone. We will miss him but he will always be in our hearts. Every passing life leaves something beautiful behind, May beauty live on in your memories and help bring comfort to you Jackie, Drew and Reed. We will always be here for you all.
Love Micki and Ed



Michelle Knight - March 13 at 04:33 PM

CM

“ Gary Peterson was a family friend who I regarded with the utmost respect. Over the past several years, I had the pleasure of attending Gary's theatrical performances. He was always a joy to watch. His burly voice carried far, while his jovial smile absorbed anyone within eyeshot. Besides his talent for acting and artistry, I admired his charisma and affable nature. Recently, I was fortunate to have worked with Gary on the short film project, "Vaudeville Swindler". For years I had envisioned working with Gary on a film. And when he accepted the role of "Constable", I was elated to have him onboard! After I told him his character was nevertheless corruptible, Gary laughed and responded, "How come I always end up playing the bad cop!?"

The Vaudeville Swindler cast of 18 wish to send our blessings to the Peterson family. We are so thankful to have worked alongside such a beautiful person 😊.

(Photo of Gary and cast in front of Barrington Catlow Theater):

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Cale Mitchell - February 23 at 08:49 PM

MK

Cale, that was so nice you had all these beautiful photos of Gary

Michelle Knight - March 13 at 02:09 PM

DH

“ We were friends with Gary and the Petersons for over 33 years. Our children were very saddened by this news of Gary's passing because he was such a part of their lives. Gary had a zest for life which included enjoying people and creating beauty in both art and theater. What a great artist I had for all the design work and equipment painting that I needed for my business. He was always ready to help and more importantly he did an amazing job. One year we were out of state and our water pipes broke. He bought the necessary parts and fixed the whole problem. We came home to everything back to normal. Thanks, Gary, for all the love and kindness you always gave.

Dave and Della Hemminger and family

Della Hemminger - February 22 at 03:12 PM

DP

“ Gary Peterson was a devoted Art Teacher and Coach. He gave of his time and talents to his students both in the classroom and the basketball court. Gary was held in high regard by his students and colleagues. The atmosphere in his classroom reflected how well he was regarded by those he taught. We have lost a very good man he will be missed. Don Thompson

Don Thompson, retired Principal - February 20 at 05:40 PM

KL

“ On February 16, our dear friend Gary Peterson passed away. We will always remember his generous spirit, talent, booming voice, and contagious laughter. Lulia and I are sending our love to Gary's family during this difficult time. I had the honor of teaching and directing Gary in many shows and classes at Harper College. Rest in peace dear friend.

*Fear no more the heat o' the sun,
Nor the furious winter's rages;
Thou thy worldly task hast done,
Home art gone, a ta'en thy wages.
--Cymbeline, Act IV, scene 2*



Kevin Long - February 19 at 11:19 PM

MK

love these photos so nice to share

Michelle Knight - March 13 at 02:10 PM

DG

“ We were shocked and deeply saddened to hear of Gary's passing. We had the privilege of knowing and being allowed to share the stage with him in various theatrical productions, and his unbridled joy, warm welcoming nature, and commitment to the craft were inspiring and deeply appreciated. He will be sorely missed. Sending light and love and strength to his loved ones and all who will miss him. Godspeed, Gary.

David and Mollie Gordon - February 19 at 02:00 PM