



## Jerry Paul Peterson

September 21, 1939 - February 7, 2020

Jerry Paul Peterson passed away in The Villages of Florida on February 7, 2020 at the age of 80. He is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Patricia (Macey) Peterson, sons Matt of Dublin, Ireland and Troy (Julia Meyerovich) of St. Petersburg, Florida and granddaughters Alyssa, Kelsey, and Corrine, all in Michigan. Also surviving are sister Nancy Peterson, niece Michelle Maxson and nephew Bryan Peterson, all of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan. He was pre-deceased by his parents Paul and Margaret Peterson and his son Todd. Jerry spent most of his years in Battle Creek, Michigan. He graduated from Battle Creek Central (1957), Hillsdale College, and did graduate work at Michigan State University. While at Hillsdale, he earned eight varsity letters in cross country, wrestling, and baseball, serving as co-captain of the wrestling team his senior year. Jerry was a teacher / coach at Portage and Springfield schools over his thirty years in education. His wrestling teams earned many local and state accolades during that time. Jerry was also Athletic Director at Springfield High School. He finished his educational years teaching adult education in the Battle Creek schools. Jerry also served on the vestry and ushered at St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

Jerry and Pat spent their retirement years as 'snow birds', living the winter months in The Villages. They had a special companion named Tapper who they enjoyed walking every day. Jerry played recreational softball there for many years. Jerry will be remembered for his terrific sense of humor and his love of sports. He was a huge fan of all University of Michigan teams as well

as the Detroit Tigers.

A memorial gathering will be held in The Villages April 5 and a funeral will be held in Battle Creek on June 13 at 1:00 PM at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. In lieu of flowers or gifts, please send contributions to the Humane Society of South Central Michigan, 2500 Watkins Road, Battle Creek, MI 49015, The American Heart Association or to cancer research.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL. Online condolences may be left at [www.BeyersFuneralHome.com](http://www.BeyersFuneralHome.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sorry to hear of Mr Peterson's passing, he was one of my teachers at Springfield High School.*

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**Garland Lynn Jr** - February 15, 2020 at 01:22 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. Mr. Peterson was my coach. I can't tell you how important he was to my life. He was a 'great man'. I've often talked about him over the years and told everyone that he was exactly how a coach should be....he would do anything he could to help you. He would not put you down....he was always trying to build your self esteem and only talk about your good qualities. I, and many others were lucky to have him as a coach. God bless you all. Roger*

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**Roger Hodge** - February 13, 2020 at 05:57 PM