



## Robert Louis Peterson

June 1, 1928 - March 3, 2018

Robert L. Peterson passed away peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, March 3 from natural causes. He was recuperating from complications resulting from a broken hip, suffered in a fall at his home on Christmas Day.

Born on June 1, 1928 in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, he had been a resident of Manassas since 1970. He worked for IBM in Manassas, retiring in 1989 after 25 years of service to the company. He was a member of All Saints Roman Catholic Parish in Manassas. In addition, he was a 3rd Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, George Brent Council, Manassas, VA; a member of the American Legion Post 10 in Manassas; and a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 7589, in Manassas.

He served in the U.S Army at the end of WWII (1946-48) and was stationed in Japan as part of the American Occupation Forces. Following an honorable discharge, he returned to Ohio and enrolled at the University of Dayton where he was awarded an B.S. in Business Administration in 1953. Following his graduation, he worked for a number of industrial and electronic firms including Lau Blower (Dayton, OH); Sanders Associates (Nashua, NH); RCA (Cambridge, OH); and IBM (Owego, NY; Cape Kennedy, FL; and Manassas, VA). Among his most memorable work experiences was the time spent with IBM in Florida at the Kennedy Space Center as a member of the IBM team that worked with NASA on the Gemini and Apollo Projects, both of which were responsible for putting men on the Moon in 1969.

In 1950, he married Marilyn Joanne Ellis of Vandalia, Ohio. She passed away

in January 2013 after more than 62 years of marriage. Together they raised six sons and were blessed with seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

His favorite pastime was fishing, which he especially enjoyed with his father-in-law, Cliff Ellis. In addition, he was an avid fan of the Washington Nationals baseball team, as well as high school and college athletic teams in which his sons and grandsons participated over the years.

He is survived by sons Michael (Princeton, NJ), James (Manassas, VA), Jeffrey (Haymarket, VA), William (Bowie, MD) and Joseph (Acworth, GA); grandchildren Joey, Rebecca, Leslie, Steven, Sarah, Joy Lynn and Hannah; and great-grandchildren Camden, Haley and Riley.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas, VA on Monday, March 12 at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow at Quantico National Cemetery at 2 PM.

# Cemetery Details

## Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Road  
Triangle, VA 22172

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church  
9300 Stonewall Rd  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 368-4500

## Graveside Services

MAR 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

Quantico National Cemetery  
18424 Joplin Road  
Triangle, VA 22172

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Robert Louis Peterson.



March 10, 2018 at 08:32 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Robert Louis Peterson.



March 09, 2018 at 06:04 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Robert Louis Peterson.



March 08, 2018 at 05:09 PM



“ *Bob and Rich Blaser* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Robert Louis Peterson.



**Bob and Rich Blaser** - March 08, 2018 at 11:28 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Louis Peterson.*



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March 07, 2018 at 01:58 PM



“ *Love, Robin Corle Bast and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Louis Peterson.*



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**Love, Robin Corle Bast and family** - March 07, 2018 at 09:26 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Bobs passing. Sympathy to the family.*

*Frances Straight and family*

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**Frances Straight** - March 06, 2018 at 04:50 PM