



## David Eugene Peral

December 28, 1956 - February 3, 2014

David Eugene Peral, born on December 28, 1956 to Thomas Peral, Jr. and Ruth Anna Schoup Peral, died on Monday, February 3, 2014. Surviving David are his mother and two siblings, Donna Ann Peral and Thomas Douglas Peral. David's family roots were generations deep in Europe and Central Florida.

David attended public schools in Orlando. He graduated from Bishop Moore High School. He had varied interests, including fishing, surfing, music and art. He even took an art course at Rollins College when he was quite young. At Edgewater High School, he played trombone in the band, and he worked at the popular College Park dinner theater, Once Upon a Stage.

During his teen years, David was active in the First Presbyterian Church where he worshipped, served as an usher, and participated in youth activities. Following high school, David enlisted in the U.S. Navy. After basic training in Orlando, David prepared to be a medic and then he worked in a Navy hospital in San Diego. In time, he began to show interest in things political, especially as related to people disadvantaged because of their lack of opportunity. In his love for the arts, David combined all interests by expressing his ideas in cartoons and essays. An avid reader, he would engage anyone in passionate conversation about current affairs.

Had David been given a longer life, he likely would have embraced the

thought that was posted in the V. A. office last week: "Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind. Always."

David's memorial service will be held in the Reformation Chapel at the First Presbyterian Church on Thursday, February 13, at 12:30 PM, with Dr. Charles Thorp, officiating. (The Chapel is located on Magnolia Street.)

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the FPCO Compassion Corner (a ministry to the homeless) would be greatly appreciated.

If you want to write a personal note about David or a thought for David's family, feel free to add your words in the space provided below. You may even add pictures.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 13 (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Orlando  
106 E. Church St.  
Orlando, FL 32801

# Tribute Wall

ST

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort from your memories, as well as God's word the Bible. Why do people we love die? Romans 5:12 says: "That is why, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned." How loving of God to promise what is found at Revelation 21:4 which says, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away I invite you to visit the following site for more on this promise; [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)

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**Steve** - March 13, 2014 at 09:25 AM

CU

“ David, I hope your pain is gone as you are washed in the love of our Lord. Curt

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**Curt** - February 13, 2014 at 08:49 AM

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“ To Jehovah there is nothing too difficult for him to handle, so put your faith in him and enjoy life forever. Rev. 21:3,4

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**mike** - February 13, 2014 at 07:16 AM

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“ When someone we love dies, it leaves a hole in our hearts. This sorrow was felt by Jesus, Mary and Martha when Lazarus their brother died. Jesus said to Martha: “I am the resurrection and the life, the one who exercises faith in me even though he dies, will come to life. Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?” Then he proceeded to resurrect Lazarus and he promises to resurrect all those in the memorial tombs. Please read John 5:28, 29 in your Bible and may this hope bring your family comfort.

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**Rhonda** - February 13, 2014 at 06:32 AM

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“ I met Dave over 20 years ago . I was working for a business in downtown Burlington, Vermont when Dave came up to me and started talking like he had known me my entire life. At first I found him to be really interesting. Extremely intelligent and with an unique sense of humor that always surprised me. He would write poems, songs, and make paintings. All of his stuff was good. He had fascinating philosophies on politics and society. I especially liked all his conspiracy theories. I could talk to him for hours. I remember one time me and him went to Montreal, Canada for a Rolling Stones concert. Dave dressed in a purple suit and just made the entire concert more fun. In time we would go to many other concerts and events. He would later leave Vermont but would come back to visit . When he got back to Orlando , he would call almost every night and we would talk for hours. It was sometimes hard to get him to stop talking but when I asked him something he always listened to me and gave me advice from his heart. Dave always mentioned to me how proud he was to have served in the U.S. Navy . Once when I was in California, he called me told me to visit him and I found him at the V.A. Hospital in Beverly Hills. When I asked what's wrong he told me he was resting and would soon pursue a movie career . I think Dave had an amazing life because he didn't have to be like the rest of us. He was not interested in what the normal person wanted. A real Bohemian . Dave, You were truly were a good Friend who I will never forgot. Thank you for some many good memories. God bless You. Your Friend Tony!!!

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**Tony Handy** - February 11, 2014 at 05:05 PM

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“ Even through his illness, Dave never lost his sense of humor. He would call or come to see me and wouldn't leave until he made me laugh. He was smart and witty and creative. He would make cartoon drawings, or play songs on the piano, or pick specific songs on the radio to express his mood. His signature song was "Give me back my bullets" which was his clever, sarcastic way of protesting his loss of rights. He always loved his music. He would spend hours on the phone with his friends at the radio stations, and I always saw him downtown at the free concerts. He loved motor sports too, from motorcycles to Porsches, and even when little else brought him happiness, hanging out at a garage, or even with the bikers, brought back some of his glory days.

*He brought a different kind of sweetness into my life, and will truly be missed. I pray that he's found the peace he so desperately wanted.*

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**Mary Beth** - February 11, 2014 at 10:10 AM

JT

“ To the family, our Created purposes a wonderful future when we will be reunited with our love ones that have fallen asleep in death... John 5: 28,29. He will wipe out every tear and mourning, pain and even death will be no more. .. Rev 21:4. And he adds in Rev 21:5...,these words are faithful and true. For now, hold on to your precious memories and may God bless all of you with peace.

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**Joyce T.** - February 08, 2014 at 09:59 AM