



## Leon Louis Petersen

August 20, 1935 - March 3, 2016

LEON LOUIS PETERSEN, 80, died March 3 in Orlando, FL. Born in Broken Bow, NE, he grew up in Cheyenne, WY and joined the United States Coast Guard upon completion of high school. He graduated from the University of Wyoming, Laramie with a degree in Electrical Engineering and was an aeronautical engineer at Lockheed Martin (Manager, Systems Test Department) and Coleman Aerospace Corporation (Vice President, Launch Systems Group, Theatre Missile Defense Target Program). During his career, he participated in the Sprint, Patriot, Pershing II, SLAT, MLRS-TGW and Hera missile programs. He was also Systems Test Director of the Sprint missile program for two years at Kwajalein Missile Range in the Marshall Islands.

He was a longtime member of The Cathedral Church of St. Luke, Orlando, FL where he faithfully served as Junior Warden and Senior Warden of the Cathedral Chapter, and was a member of the Endowment Fund.

He is survived by his wife, the Reverend Carolyn Petersen, brother Phil Petersen of Evanston, WY, and children Catherine Dillard, Michael Petersen and Karen Petersen, and grandchildren, Ben Petersen and Danielle and Sarah Dillard.

Requiem Eucharist will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 1:00 pm at The Cathedral Church of St. Luke, 130 N. Magnolia Avenue, Orlando, FL

32801.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Cathedral Church of St. Luke ([www.stlukescathedral.org](http://www.stlukescathedral.org)) or IDignity ([www.idignity.org](http://www.idignity.org)).

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAR 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

Cathedral Church of St. Luke  
130 North Magnolia Avenue  
FL 32801

# Tribute Wall

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“ Karen,

*All of our condolences to the Peterson Family in this time of sadness.*

*Love,  
SMPS Central Florida Family*

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**Tara Bleakley** - March 16, 2016 at 09:24 AM

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**Dave** - March 11, 2016 at 10:05 AM

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**Dave** - March 11, 2016 at 09:59 AM

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**Dave** - March 11, 2016 at 10:03 AM

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**Karen** - March 12, 2016 at 02:20 PM

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**Dave** - March 11, 2016 at 09:57 AM

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**dave** - March 10, 2016 at 04:40 PM

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“ *When I first called on Karen in high school when we dated, I thought for sure I had her Mom snowed but her Dad was always curiously wavering with his verdict of me. My deepest condolences to you and your family Karen!*

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**Bob Hepburn** - March 10, 2016 at 01:16 PM

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*Karen, sending my love and prayers to you and all who's lives were touched by your Dad. ♥♥♥♥*

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**Jane morris** - March 14, 2016 at 02:18 PM