



Wayne Eugene Peterson

January 14, 1951 - February 1, 2020

Wayne Eugene Peterson of Dallas, TX, age 69, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 1, 2020 in Houston, TX with both of his daughters by his side.

He was born in Lovington, NM on January 14, 1951 to Vernon (Pete) and Wanda Jean Peterson. They moved often as is typical for military families before settling in Lubbock, TX. Wayne attended Texas Tech University as an undergrad but left school prior to graduation after marrying Pamela Sexton. After settling in Red Oak, TX, Wayne worked a wide range of jobs from surveyor to carpenter before getting his degree in Computer Science from UTA and becoming a Software Engineer. Wayne worked for a number of technology companies before arriving at Southwest Airlines where he worked until his retirement. After retirement, Wayne fulfilled a life long dream by spending his time writing, eventually publishing two science fiction novels and a novel of humorous stories from his days as a surveyor as well as dozens of short stories.

Wayne loved his girls, his grandkids, soccer, and his gadgets and was always willing to talk about one or all of them. He kept a positive outlook and his sense of humor throughout his year-long treatment for pancreatic cancer.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his daughters Amber Senter and husband James of Savannah, Georgia and Ashley Wright and husband Payton of Houston, TX, 5 grandchildren: Audrey Senter, Betsy Wright, Nathan Senter, Maggie Wright and Lucy Wright, his brother Vernon Peterson and wife Jackie of Lubbock, TX, nieces Melissa Smallwood and Brenda Peterson, and the mother of his children Pam Sexton Dodd, and numerous family members, friends, and fellow authors.

A celebration of his life will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 3:00 pm in The Abbey Chapel at Restland Funeral Home in Dallas, TX. In lieu of flowers, a memorial may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Do not mourn me, friends

I fall as a shooting star

Into the next life.

-Old Man's War

Events

FEB **Celebration of Life**

03:00PM

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The Abby Chapel at Restland

13005 Greenville Ave at Restland Rd, Dallas, TX, US, 75243

Comments



“ Wayne was a truly unique person. Smart and funny, caring and sarcastic. He loved his family and was so proud of his daughters - he spoke of them often with such pride. RiP Wayne. You will be missed.

Ganet Fisher - February 26 at 05:09 PM



“ I just found out that Wayne is gone, I am so sorry for your loss. I will really miss him and all of his stories.

Michelle Boyd

Michelle Boyd - February 26 at 12:25 PM



“ Mike And Marla Bearden lit a candle in memory of Wayne Eugene Peterson



Mike and Marla Bearden - February 09 at 01:57 PM



“ Heaven's Comfort was purchased for the family of Wayne Eugene Peterson.



February 07 at 11:17 AM



“ We are sorry for your loss. Wayne was a good friend and we'll miss him. A donation in his name has been made to the American Cancer Society.

Mike Felker and Liz Brandt



“ Nathaniel B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Wayne Eugene Peterson.



Nathaniel B. - February 06 at 11:13 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Wayne Eugene Peterson.



February 06 at 10:11 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wayne Eugene Peterson.



February 05 at 11:34 PM



“ Wayne was my special friend. We shared the passion to tell stories in our writing and gave each other critical support to be better at the craft. Wayne loved to be recognized as a science-fiction author. He published *Canopy of Hope* and *Canopy of Mystery*, and was about half finished with the third book of the trilogy, *Canopy of Destiny*. He had fun at book signings and thoroughly enjoyed talking with people whether he signed a book for them or not. A few days before his death Wayne published his book of humorous stories about his time as Head Chainman on a deep-woods survey crew in Texas. Bobby Earl's *Immense Dominion* is filled with Wayne's versions of what happened when the crew was involved in killing snakes,

wading swamps, and also doing some things that were unpleasant. I miss him.

Tank Gunner - February 05 at 12:55 AM