

Mr. Wallace Peterson

June 24, 1936 - May 26, 2026

Funeral services for Mr. Wallace Wayne Peterson, 89, of Lake Murvaul, Texas, will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 31, 2026, at Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Allen Tilley, Rev. James McRight, and Rev. Jeff Armstrong officiating. Burial will follow privately in Corinth Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Saturday evening at Hawthorn Funeral Home. Wallace Wayne Peterson was born June 24, 1936, in Ranger and passed peacefully from this life on May 26, 2026, at his home on Lake Murvaul. Known to many as “Wally,” he was the second of four children born to Nina Belle Rylee Peterson and Wayne Adren “Pete” Peterson. He was raised in Carthage and graduated with the Carthage Bulldog Class of 1954. Following graduation, he attended Panola Junior College before proudly serving his country in the United States Marine Corps.

Wally dedicated his career to the electrical trade as a master electrician and worked many years for Dallas Independent School District until his retirement. He married the love of his life, Karen Anita Downing, January 5, 1985, and together they shared 41 wonderful years of marriage.

An avid and well-known golfer, Wally especially enjoyed his retirement years spent on the golf course. He was a member of Carthage Country Club and faithfully attended First Baptist Church, where he was active in the Men’s Sunday School Class.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Joni Peterson; son, Brian Lee Peterson; sister, Eva Pearl Vandevort; and brother, Jerry Peterson.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Karen Peterson of Lake Murvaul; son, Kory Peterson of Lake Murvaul; daughter, Kristen Denizman of Chicago; son, Brett Peterson and wife Cathy of Winnsboro; brother, Freddy Peterson and wife Janice of Gilmer; sister-in-law, Judy Peterson of Beckville; grandchildren Aaden, Everett, Amber, Katie, Zachary, Matthew, Brittany, Courtney, Tiffny, and Jared; numerous great-grandchildren; along with many nieces, nephews, other relatives, countless friends, and his family at The Village Salon.

Serving as pallbearers will be Danny Harris, Jim Holder, Lynn Poss, Tate Barber, Freddy Noles, Mike Bray, Craig Peterson, Chris Peterson, Randy Sturdivant and Mark Roberson.

Memorial donations may be made in his honor to Mission Carthage.

Cemetery Details

Corinth Cemetery

FM 1970
Timpson, TX 75975

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



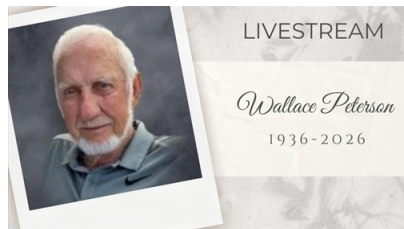
“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Wallace Peterson



Hawthorn Funeral Home - May 30 at 02:32 PM



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Wallace Peterson



Hawthorn Funeral Home - May 28 at 10:42 AM

BB

“ Karen, I didn't know Wally very well, but I know he must have been a wonderful man because he chose you. Prayers and love to Wally's family.

Brad and Becky Blair - June 02 at 10:40 PM



“ RIP Uncle Wally, thank you for your service to our country & thank you for teaching me the interlock grip for golf. May God bless you & take you in His arms and may God bless our entire family at this difficult time. ---John & Michelle Vandervoort

John Vandervoort Jr. - June 02 at 10:32 PM



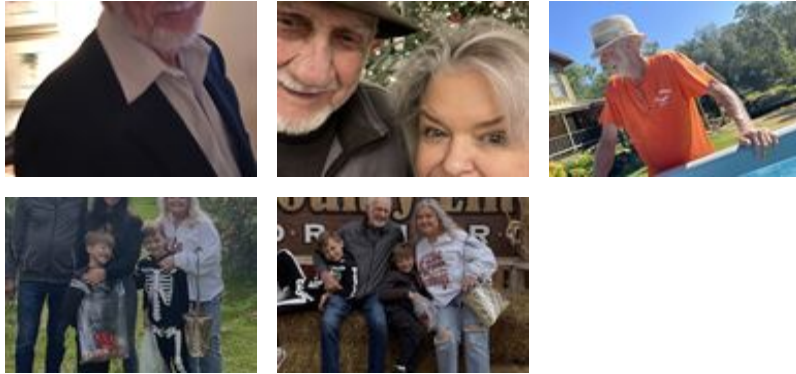
“ Our love and condolences. HeartsWay Hospice staff.



HeartsWay Hospice - May 30 at 04:36 PM



“ 133 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - May 30 at 01:54 PM

CD

“ Chris and Gina Deslatte purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Wallace Peterson.



Chris and Gina Deslatte - May 29 at 04:57 PM

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“ Chris and Gina Deslatte planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Wallace Peterson.

Chris and Gina Deslatte - May 29 at 04:57 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Wallace Peterson.



May 29 at 12:05 PM



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JP

“ I am so incredibly sorry for your loss. While I didn't know him well, Karen, I know how much he meant to you. Please know that I am keeping you in my prayers and sending you so much love.

Julie Perez - May 28 at 09:36 AM

FA

“ From Sandy and Ashley purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of Mr. Wallace Peterson.



From Sandy and Ashley - May 28 at 09:34 AM

MH

“ Mike & Linda Heald purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Wallace Peterson.



Mike & Linda Heald - May 27 at 09:05 PM

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JR

“ Sending lots of love and prayers to the family.
Janet Ritter- Accentcare Home Health

Janet Ritter - May 27 at 07:20 PM

HH

“ *Our love and condolences. HeartsWay Hospice staff.*



HeartsWay Hospice - May 27 at 03:44 PM

JM

“ *My prayers and condolences to Karen and family! God rest his soul.*



Johnnie Melton - May 27 at 03:25 PM