



E. Martin Petersen Jr.

August 24, 1943 - December 9, 2018

Earl Martin Petersen Jr., 75, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 9, 2018 in Pocatello, Idaho. Marty was born in Sacramento, California in 1943 to Earl M. Petersen and Margaret Schindler. He was raised in Pocatello and graduated from Pocatello High School in 1961.

Following graduation Marty served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1961 to 1964. He had worked for Partner Steel Co. in Pocatello for over 40 years.

Marty was involved in numerous cutter and chariot racing associations. Horse racing was something he had enjoyed for many years. Marty also loved to fish, go hunting, horseback riding, skiing, ATV'ing, camping and training horses. He also liked to golf.

He is survived by his wife, NoraLee Petersen; daughters, Jennifer Brown, Jennifer Petersen, Janene Brown and Erika Weilacher; granddaughters, Kaitlin Chacon, Reanna York, Johnny York and Jordan Smith; sisters, Sherry Powers and Carol Egbert; brother, Jim Petersen; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family will receive friends at an open house from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at Wilks Funeral Home 211 W. Chubbuck Road.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family online at wilksfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes for memorial contributions to be made to the "Horses Run So Children Can Walk" fundraising campaign, in the name of E. Martin Petersen, Jr. to the Shriners Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Events

DEC **Open House** 11:00AM - 02:00PM

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Wilks Funeral Home

211 W. Chubbuck Road, Chubbuck, ID, US, 83202

Comments



“ Dear NoraLee, We're sorry to hear of Martin's passing. We so enjoyed the many times we met up with you and Martin at Costco, where we "caught up" on each other's lives. You and Martin regaled us with stories of your off-grid RV camping trips, and how you both enjoyed the peace of being out in the wilds just sharing and enjoying life together. And we loved all your horse stories. You two worked so hard to get the best of life after Martin's diagnosis, and it seems that did prolong his life, too. Bless you NoraLee. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you. Love, Sondra Dunkle and Michael Vaughn

Sondra Dunkle - December 24, 2018 at 12:17 AM



“ Hello Nora Lee. Ralph called me also. Martin was a special person in my and many others lives. He had his ways. Some may have felt that he was gruff, they did not know him. It was his mischievous way to get one up to or down to his way of communicating; those of us who learned his game enjoyed and played it with him. THE OUTCOME WAS LOVE IN HIS OWN SPECIAL WAY. As we played we also built a relationship that was not only endearing, but also enduring. THE OUTCOME WAS A VERY SPECIAL BOND THAT ONE ONLY HAS WITH VERY FEW. We grieve for our loss of his physical presence in our lives. We must also rejoice for his gain of moving into the presence of God. He and I used to share an occassional "I LOVE YOU MAN"! That I will always treasure. Thankyou both for being part of our lives. I regret that we will be unable to be present with you at the funeral. You and yours are in our prayers. Love John and Margaret.

John and Margaret guest I don't think yo - December 15, 2018 at 09:20 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of E. Martin Petersen Jr..



December 14, 2018 at 02:38 PM



“ Jenn & Jason Gustaves purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of E. Martin Petersen Jr..



Jenn & Jason Gustaves - December 13, 2018 at 06:25 PM



“ Martin Petersen 12/09/2018

Mom and Martin married when I was in my late teens. I had a steady boyfriend at the time. Martin and I were returning from the Petersen Sr. home in the green Pinto (AKA the Midas Pursuit Car), when Martin firmly announced, “you may feel differently about it but... but I am going to tell you this anyway... it is the women’s responsibility to take birth control.” I am sure I gave him the one eyebrow, head tilt, blink, blink, because he continued, “let me clarify... weather you like it or not men aren’t likely to take the responsibility, so you have to.” In my mildly feminist, naïve youth, I did believe in the equal responsibility however I knew Martin was completely correct. Although I never said so, I appreciated Martin’s concern and forthright delivery, per say tattling on the male gender.

Jordan and I lived with Mom and Martin when Jordan was a toddler. Martin took my young son under his wing and became a positive male role model. Martin was often seen with a toddler attached to his shoulders, Shadow was never far behind, all while trying to build a barn. Martin even taught Jordan how to fly... over the back of the couch! Jordan quickly learned not to jump on sleeping adults. No one was hurt but gave everyone a good scare.

Anyone that knew Martin knew not to ask a question unless you were ready for a full and lengthy description. It was a well-known fact that you might as well come prepared with pen and paper because the explanation would include detailed drawings and well placed questions to test for understanding. The process became known as being “Martin-ized”. I am a far better horseman for knowing Martin and his unique Martin-ization. Driving a horse, saddle rigging, balanced seat, correct posture (no pocket riding allowed), lead changes and I wish I would have asked about roll backs years earlier. Horses are of course only one of the topics.

Speaking of horses, Martin always said, “Secretariat was the greatest horse that ever lived.” He also half joking and half not, regularly announced that, “a horse was no good unless it was black.” I fully remember where I was and what I was doing the day Secretariat won the Triple Crown. Needless to say I had only seen the winning run in black and white. When the movie Secretariat came out, I was completely perplexed, for most of the movie, as to why they would use a sorrel horse to play the part.

Martin, know that you have left behind a boundless legacy of learning. I am sure you, Midas and Shadow, are out scouting for elk on the Selway, say hello to Grandpa Pete and enjoy some of that mountain air for me!

Jennifer

JENNIFER K BROWN - December 13, 2018 at 04:42 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of E. Martin Petersen Jr..



December 12, 2018 at 04:35 PM