



Howard Peterson

April 18, 1922 - February 1, 2011

Visitation for Howard (Pete) Peterson will be held Friday, February 4, 2011 from 5:00-7:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 5, 2011 at 11:00 AM at Pollard United Methodist Church. Pete was born in Broken Bow, Nebraska on April 18, 1922. He spent 67 years married to his beloved wife, Jean. Pete served as a B-17 bomber pilot with the Eight Air Force, flying 35 combat missions out of England. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for bravery during his first mission on Christmas Eve 1944. Pete remained in the Air Force Reserve after WWII and retired as a Lt. Colonel and liaison officer for the United States Air Force Academy. Pete and Jean lived in Austin, for 32 years where Pete was employed by the Texas Highway Department. Pete and Jean have always been most proud of the raising of their three thoughtful, caring, and considerate children; daughters, Ann Nicholl, married to William Nicholl of Fort Collins, CO, and Kay Aielli of Austin; and son, Jim Peterson, married to Nancy Peterson of Garland. Howard is the beloved grandfather of Geoffrey Alvarez of Anchorage, AK, and his wife Monica, Ben Peterson of Cedar Park and his wife Michelle, Melissa O'Brien and her husband Shamus of Houston, and Amber Aielli of Houston. Pete is the great grandfather of Peyton and Kallee O'Brien and Carter and Corey Peterson. Pete and Jean are members of Pollard United Methodist Church and the Epworth Sunday School Class. In lieu of flowers please send memorial donations to Pollard United Methodist Church.

Tribute Wall

LI

“ *A friend who will be missed dearly by many.*

Pete played a big part in my life for nearly 20 years, helping me with my research.

It feels like I've lost a member of my family.

Lisa - February 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *My dad (Dave Dahlberg) always talked about Pete with great respect and admiration. He would say my pilot, etc and always remarked how even after the war Pete would take care of his men. He left a great legacy and my dad greatly misses him. He talked about Pete being in and out of the hospital in Novemebr and that he had not heard from him recently. I am so glad someone was able to contact my dad. He is greatly missed by my Dad and Pete's other remaining crew members.*

Eva Burklund - February 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Pete was, as was my father, a pilot with the 487th Bomb Group during WWII. I was fortunate to spend some time with Pete during 487th reunions over the years. It is difficult to think of a kinder man and truer gentleman. I will sincerely miss him, but feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to know him, if ever so briefly.*

God bless you Pete.

Lee Hauenstein - February 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Mr. Peterson was one of the nicest and sweetest men that I have every known. He was and always will be a blessing to his family and anyone that ever met him. He reminded of my deceased father and I will always cherish his memory and having the opportunity to know him. My sympathy wishes go out to the entire family and especially Jim and Nancy Peterson and family.*

Janet Gipson - February 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Our heart felt sympathy goes out to Jean and all the family, in their loss of our dear friend Pete who we give credit for getting our loved one Lee Gibson home safely from all 35 of those combat missions that they flew on together. Pete was a great American hero and served his country and family well. We will all miss him.*

Bill and pat Cunningham - February 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *What a wonderful person Mr. Peterson was. DyAnn has so many happy memories of spending time in the Peterson home. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

DyAnn Ragsdale - February 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Just want you all to know you are in our thoughts and prayers and are here for anything you all need. Grandpa will be greatly missed.*

*Love,
Robert & Debbie*

Robert & Debbie Brimelow - February 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM