



## Willie E. Peterman

April 16, 1947 - December 3, 2020

Willie Edward Peterman, 73, of Manteno, passed away Thursday, December 3, 2020 at Riverside Medical Center. He is now with his Savior, Jesus.

He was born April 16, 1947 in Anna, Illinois a son of Rev. Roscoe and Lela (Miles) Peterman. Willie served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He later worked as a concrete plant manager, fire fighter, and EMT.

Willie is survived by his wife, Phyllis Peterman of Manteno; a son, David (Melinda) Peterman of Manteno; a grandson, Eric Peterman of Manteno; a sister Melinda (Kent) Young of Anna; and a brother Roger (Carolyn) Peterman of Indianapolis, Indiana.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Willie was an active member of First Baptist Church of Manteno and loved to serve church members, as well as his community.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, December 9, 2020 from 3pm to 7pm at First Baptist Church of Manteno. A private service will be held and officiated by his son, Rev. David Peterman. Burial will be at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Illinois.

We ask that you please follow the state's guidelines where masks/face coverings and distancing are concerned. On behalf of the family and the funeral home staff, we would like to thank you for your cooperation.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Orphans of Kenya Project.

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 West Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 9. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Manteno  
Manteno, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Willie E. Peterman*

October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *As a young boy I had stayed with my Aunt Phyllis and Uncle Willie and I got to see what I thought was the neatest thing in the world we were on our way back to their house and he got a fire call and he says well you're coming with me and I got there and seen that fire and seen my Uncle Willie take charge and it was just the neatest thing in the world obviously he didn't keep me there for a long time he brought me back to Phyllis but I remember that that ride and all the lights going off and I just thought it was so neat anyway Uncle Willie you will be severely missed by the whole family and just know this that I have more respect for you than well about the same respect I has for my dad I know you are a veteran and a firefighter so you did your duty and the world was a better place with you now it's time to rest in peace I love you. Your nephew Bo*

**Bo Surprenant** - December 19, 2020 at 01:39 PM



“ *RIP Willie.....I remember fighting many fires with you during my time at Shawnee Heights Fire Department. You were always there when we needed you. I remember many a Chili Feed or Pancake Feed where you were always there to help. You will be missed.....Terry Albert SHFD #205*

**Terry Albert** - December 09, 2020 at 08:44 AM

RA

“ Roger & Carolyn Peterman, Kent & Melinda Young, Keith & Beth Peterman and Family, Jeff & Tonya Monnier and Family, Josh & Allison Stamp and Family, an purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Willie E. Peterman.



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**Roger & Carolyn Peterman, Kent & Melinda Young, Keith & Beth Peterman and Family, Jeff & Tonya Monnier and Family, Josh & Allison Stamp and Family, an** - December 08, 2020 at 10:33 AM

DS

“ Phyllis, David and family,  
I don't know where to start. I have thought of you all often lately. Willie was such an inspiration in so many ways. The years I had the opportunity to work with him at the block plant he simply amazed me. He was always very thoughtful, but he was also very wise. He was among the very first to achieve the title of MASTER BLOCK MAKER after attending a series of seminars and training classes in Michigan by the Besser Company. It was an honor he took very seriously and during his career at Capitol Concrete Products, he made the best block to be had. He kept the plant in good working order and had a crew he could count on. I don't know that I have ever met anyone so dedicated to both the family at Capitol and the family at home. We sure have missed Willie in the years since you all moved to Illinois. But I know how important family is. Whenever we happened to speak of family, Willie always spoke with such love of you Phyllis, he truly adored you. And David, you and your family were his pride and joy. Cherish your memories and know you are in our thoughts.

Donnie Sadler  
Topeka KS

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**Donnie Sadler** - December 08, 2020 at 10:13 AM

EV

“ *Phyllis*  
*So sorry to learn of Willie's passing. He was always smiling at work.*  
*I didn't*  
*know you were back in the area. My sympathy to you & your family.*  
*Evelyn Hilgendorf*

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**Evelyn** - December 07, 2020 at 05:57 PM

JK

“ *RIP Willie. We fought many fires together, it was good to know you!*  
*Shawnee Heights 251*  
*Jim Kilmartin*



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**Jim Kilmartin** - December 07, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of*  
*Willie E. Peterman.*



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December 05, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for*  
*the family of Willie E. Peterman.*



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December 05, 2020 at 04:48 PM

JC

“ I have often referred to Willie as the "church Dad & Granddad". He used the church golf cart to shuttle folks who had a hard time walking from their cars in the parking lot, to the door. But he also had a recreational purpose! There's an image in my mind of him with kids loaded up on that golf cart and Willie driving them all around the church grounds. My own grandkids had the chance to enjoy these rides as did many others. He loved taking them up and down the hill of the dry retention pond - which, of course, the kids just loved! And I think Willie enjoyed it just as much as they did. What a joy he was to know; as described "a man of honor" and characterized by kindness. I will forever miss "Hello, Sunshine!" as his greeting. We love you Willie and we know you are walking with Jesus and quite possibly driving a golf cart loaded with kiddos on the golden streets of Glory.  
Angelo & Jeannee Coco

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**Jeannee Coco** - December 05, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Willie E. Peterman.



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December 05, 2020 at 12:01 AM

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“ Sure will going miss willie. Such a sweetheart

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**Lunnetta Smith** - December 04, 2020 at 11:57 PM