



Richard Peterson

February 4, 1938 - May 5, 2026

Richard Keith Peterson, 88, of Fanning Springs, Florida, passed away at his home on May 5, 2026. He was born in Jamestown, North Dakota, on February 4, 1938, to Samuel and Violet Peterson.

Richard dedicated much of his life to serving his country and community. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, where he earned numerous honorable awards and achievements. Following his military service, Richard enjoyed a distinguished 47-year career with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), where he was also recognized with many professional accolades. Richard was an avid outdoorsman and active community member. He was a member of the Chiefland Golf and Country Club and found great joy in golfing, meticulous yard work, and traveling alongside his beloved wife, Nina.

He is survived by his wife, Nina Kay Peterson, sons Samuel Carl (Melinda) Peterson II, Shannon Willis, daughters Cara-Katy Peterson, KeithAnn Peterson, grandchildren John Patrick James, Jacob (Aubree) Hanson, Hannah (Braydon) Nelson, Trevor (Kaitlyn) Peterson, Zack Goldade, Greyson Peterson, Emma Willis, Michael Willis, sisters Louise Harris, Jan (Augie) Novotny. He is preceded in death by his parents Samuel and Violet Peterson, brothers Jim Peterson, Ken Peterson, Tom Peterson, Jack Peterson, sisters Judy Pickard, Shari Schlag, and son Timothy Hal Peterson.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to Haven Hospice and Center Well Home Health for the loving and attentive care of our dear husband, father, and grandfather.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050.