



Mr. Prezillian "Pete" Peterson

February 21, 1940 - November 26, 2023

In Loving Memory Of

Prezillian "Pete" Peterson, affectionately known as "Pop" by his family, was born on February 21, 1940, in Bainbridge, Georgia, and peacefully departed this life on November 26, 2023. He was a beloved husband, father, and pillar of his community.

At the tender age of five, Pete's family relocated to Detroit, Michigan, where he would go on to leave an indelible mark. A proud alumnus of Southeastern High School in Detroit, Pete distinguished himself as a standout athlete in both football and basketball. His passion for sports and dedication to excellence paved the way for a four-year tenure in the United States Air Force, where he served with honor and was subsequently honorably discharged.

After his military service, Pete pursued higher education at Langston University in Langston, Oklahoma. He was an active member of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and a Mason. His talents on the basketball court were recognized, earning him a scholarship for the Langston University basketball team. While at Langston, Pete met the love of his life, Frances Petit. They went on to graduate from Langston in 1967. Their love story blossomed, leading to a lifetime commitment of 56 years. Pete and Frances went on to achieve academic success, earning their Master's degrees from the University

of Detroit and subsequently serving and retiring from the Detroit Public Schools System.

Prezillian "Pete" Peterson was a devoted husband and a loving father to their two sons, Desmond Peterson and Dexter Peterson. Desmond, an ordained Minister and Science high school teacher in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Dexter, who works in Sales in Electronics and resides in Westland, Michigan, were a source of immense pride and joy for Pete.

Pete found solace and strength in his faith throughout his life, becoming a cherished member of the Presbyterian Church in Detroit before joining The Northwest Church of Christ with his beloved wife. Their unwavering bond was evident as Frances affectionately referred to Pete as her "Sweet Pete."

Pete's impact extended beyond the confines of his family; he became a well-known figure in the community as a middle school and high school basketball coach. Revered by players and parents alike, Pete's coaching prowess went beyond the court, instilling valuable life lessons and inspiring countless young individuals to reach for greatness.

Pete's Mother, Ophelia Foster, preceded his death, along with his father, Samuel Peterson, his sisters, Sandra Peterson and Erkie Beasley, and his brother, Richard Peterson.

His memory will forever be cherished by his loving wife, Frances; his sons Desmond and Dexter; his loving sisters Gwendolyn Johnson and Pearl Davis (Lawrence) of Detroit, Michigan; his brother, Bobby Walton (Sandra), of Philadelphia, PA., and the countless lives he touched throughout his remarkable journey. As we bid farewell to a beloved husband, father, brother, Uncle, coach, and friend, we take solace in the knowledge that Pete's spirit will live on in the hearts of those fortunate enough to know him. May he rest in

eternal peace.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

1200 Elmwood Ave.
Detroit, MI 48207

Previous Events

Family Hour

Tuesday, Dec. **5**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

PN

“ Praying 🙏 for You and Your Family Sister Peterson. Praying 🙏 God Will give You All Peace and Comfort in this time of Loss of Brother Peterson. You All have Truly been Missed 🙏 Much Love ❤️

Priscilla Norfleet - December 05, 2023 at 01:02 PM

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“ Words cannot be found that will ease the greatness of your loss or our feelings of love and support we wish to convey to you at this time. We too have lost a wonderful friend who will be missed until the Great Spirit reunites us in Eternity.

Warren Hollier & LU Class of 1967 - December 05, 2023 at 06:03 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Prezillian "Pete" Peterson.



December 04, 2023 at 10:25 AM

LL

“ Dear Peterson Family, I send my condolences and love. Mr. Peterson was always kind when I had the pleasure of seeing you all. May God bless and comfort you.

LaKeshia Liggins - December 03, 2023 at 02:23 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Prezillian "Pete" Peterson.*



December 03, 2023 at 09:03 AM



“ *If you looked up the word "Cool" in the dictionary you would see a picture of Pete. Pete was cool in every way some would call it Suave. I met Pete when he came to Langston and made a friend. I think we all in someway we all wanted t be like him. Thanks Pete for your Freindship and influence on us. I'll never forget our run through the cow pasture on our way to Starks to get that last bite of the night.*

*Pete always sharpe as a Tac
Morris "Cooksey" Curry*



Morris "Cooksey" Curry - December 02, 2023 at 02:34 PM

AG

“*Fran, the true love that you and Pete exemplified as a couple is a definite inspiration to all. Both you and Pete showered each other with much love and protection. The love that you had for Pete was evident in numerous ways. As Pete's illness progressed, you stepped up to the plate. Your love and devotion that you had for Pete influenced you to provide care for Pete at home as opposed to putting him in a nursing home. AS stated previously, you provided care for Pete which involved numerous areas of care. While providing much care, your authentic love brought smiles to his face. You were always trying to make Pete as content as possible. Fran, you gave up the majority of your social life to stay home and be in the presence of your true love. Your continuous worry about Pete's health and happiness was endless. AS Pete's illness progressed, your dedication as well as your two sons love for their father helped make the end of Pete's journey a peaceful and loving one. Fran, I commend you and both of your sons for the sacrifices and love that all of you displayed towards Pete.. Yes, Fran you were an awesome wife and your sons were amazing. May God bless all of you. I'm sending prayers of strength and comfort to you, Desmond, and Dexter during this difficult time. Love, Adrian Gladman*

Adrian Gladman - December 01, 2023 at 10:05 PM

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“*Adrian Gladman purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Mr. Prezillian "Pete" Peterson.*



Adrian Gladman - December 01, 2023 at 04:13 PM

RC

“*Fran, I know GOD got you, I am so saddened by loss of your Husband (Pete). you have my condolences. I will continue to pray for you and the family. He will be truly miss. Hold on because GOD knows what need. I would continue to pray for you all.*



RENEE CULVER - December 01, 2023 at 11:54 AM

DE

“*Pete was very smart. Pete was cool. Pete was Eastside Detroit cool. Pete was a sports aficionado. I met Pete in 1966 at Langston University. Pete was a basketball player with unusual yet effective talent and skills. Pete must have had a spiritual call to come to Langston because like me, that environment did not fit well. Nevertheless, he made it through to provide much needed support and service to the young people in the Detroit Public Schools. I miss Prez' commentaries and his urban slang and swagger. Prez was an inspiration to all of us at Langston especially those of us who came out of an urban environment.*

David Louis Craig, Ed.D. - December 01, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“*Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Prezillian "Pete" Peterson.*



November 30, 2023 at 10:25 PM

DH

“ To the family, we hope the comfort of prayer will help in these trying times of your beloved ones passing. We wish you well.
The Hatchells

Darcy Hatchell - November 30, 2023 at 04:27 PM

MN

“ Fran, Our sincere condolences to you on the passing of Pete, who was voted “Best Dressed Male” in the Langston University class of 1967. We always admired the devotion that you and Pete exhibited toward each other. Our prayers are with you.

Malthus and Rose Northcutt

Malthus Northcutt - November 30, 2023 at 10:15 AM

MJ

“ Dear Family,
Please accept our deepest sympathy. We love you.

*During this period of sadness do not forget to pray.
God, is good.*

*We held Pete, in our love for some precious years ,we will hold him in our hearts forever.
Go with God,Pete. Fly with the angels.*

The Liggins

Mr. Mrs Will Liggins, Jr - November 30, 2023 at 09:21 AM



LM

I have so many memories of Pete. My late husband's roommate, majoring in PE, going to social events and most of all, enjoying homecoming celebrations until his health began to deteriorate. He and Fran would always be the hit of our group dressed so eloquently. I enjoyed visiting your home when we visited Detroit. You fought a long battle with Fran by your side to the very end. So, enjoy your rest in heaven with family and classmates who went before you.

Linda Mason - December 04, 2023 at 12:55 PM

BW

France's, I am still praying for you, sons and family. We are who we are because of our life at Langston. Dr Coleman made sure we had Jesus Christ as an extension of our home life. Jesus Christ will carry you through ❤️🙏😊

Barbara Shaw Walker - December 05, 2023 at 01:37 AM