

Peter Reeves Van Ness



Peter R. Van Ness of Athens, TN, passed away on 9 July 2018. He was 79 years old. Peter was born in Fort Wayne, IN, to Bill and Marjorie Van Ness on 2 January 1939.

He graduated from the Naval Academy with the Class of 1960 and served in the Navy until 1965. He married Gisela Meyer in 1962 and received his MBA from the University of Florida in 1966.

During his life, he lived in Fort Wayne, IN; Naples, Italy; Key West, FL; Gainesville, FL; Rochester, NY; Morristown, TN; Bradenton, FL; Augusta, GA; and Athens, TN (since 1978). Peter also had a house on Watts Bar Lake, where he loved to spend the summer sailing and powerboating. Peter liked to travel and traveled extensively, especially on rivers in Europe.

Peter will always be remembered for the love he had for his wife, children and grandchildren. He was a wonderful father who was always willing to help anyone. In retirement, he enjoyed spending time at the senior center helping people prepare their federal tax returns.

Predeceased by his parents, Peter is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Gisela Meyer Van Ness; children, Robert Van Ness and Jennifer Van Ness Rentenbach; brother, Bob Van Ness; and two grandchildren, Morgan and Peter Van Ness.

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