



Dr. Charles D. Peters

August 17, 2021

Dr. Charles D. Peters, 88, of Emmaus, passed away Tuesday, August 17, 2021. He was the husband of Barbara E. (Holland) Peters for 51 years. Born in Allentown, PA, he was the loving son of the late Dr. Ray F. Peters, and Anna L. (Weitknecht) Peters.

He earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1951 and spent two summers as a Ranger at Philmont Scout Ranch and was the Waterfront Director at Trexler Scout Reservation.

He graduated from Allentown High School in 1950, Muhlenberg College in 1954, and received his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1958. He completed a residency in Internal Medicine at The Delaware Hospital in 1965. He was a Captain in the US Army Medical Corp from 1959 – 1961, served as the Commander of the Medical Battalion in Reykjavik, Iceland in 1960 and was a Major in the Delaware National Guard, 1962-1966.

He returned to Allentown in 1966 and practiced in the Lehigh Valley for 55 years. Medicine was his life and passion and he was deeply committed to caring for his patients and community. Dr Peters practiced Internal Medicine with Medical Associates of the Lehigh Valley and was on staff at Lehigh Valley Hospital, was chief of General Internal Medicine 1974-1980, was a consulting physician for Good Shepherd, and was an Assistant Clinical Professor at The Medical College of Pennsylvania /Hahnemann School of Medicine and Penn State University.

In 1972 he was awarded Teacher of the Year, Department of Medicine, Allentown Hospital. He received the Preceptorship for Community Based Teaching from American College of Physicians and in 1998 The Deans Special Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching from the Medical College of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He was elected to Fellowship in the American College of Physicians and the American College of Chest Physicians.

He was a devoted life-long member of St James UCC where he served as a Deacon and an Elder of the Consistory up until his death.

Charles loved his farm and riding the trails on his Tennessee Walking Horses. A highlight of his life was riding in the reenactment of the Liberty Bell Wagon Trek that brought the Liberty Bell from Philadelphia to Zion's Church in Allentown for the Bicentennial celebration in 1976. He loved skiing, sailing and summers on the beach at Rehoboth and Block Island with his children and grandchildren. Charles was a true gentleman and a thoughtful, caring person who was dearly loved by his family and respected by all who knew him.

Survivors: Charles is survived by his wife of 51 years, Barbara and his three children: Melinda Peters and her companion Roy Schaefer of Allentown, Dr. Charles D. Peters, Jr. and his wife Jennifer (Jackson) Peters of Emmaus, and Amanda (Peters) Kinney and her husband Brian Kinney of Wellesley, MA, as well as four grandchildren: Ethan Kinney, Charles Peters, III, Elizabeth Kinney, and Madison Peters.

Services: A viewing will be held Friday, August 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Trexler Funeral Home, 1625 Highland St, Allentown. A funeral service will be held Sat., August 28, 10 a.m. at St James UCC, 37 South 15th St, Allentown, followed by interment at Grandview Cemetery.

Contributions: In memory of Charles, contributions may be made to St. James UCC, 37 South 15th St, Allentown, PA 18102.

Condolences may be left at trexlerfuneralhome.com

Cemetery

Grandview Cemetery

2735 Walbert Ave.

Allentown, PA, 18104

Events

AUG **Calling** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Trexler Funeral Home

1625 Highland Street, Allentown, PA, US, 18102

AUG **Service** 10:00AM

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St. James U.C.C.

37 S. 15th St., Allentown, PA, US, 18102

Comments



“ Dear Barbara and Family, I was so sorry to read of Charles' passing so soon after I sent my retirement card. I should have known that it would have been something very serious to stop him from practicing medicine!
As I said before he was my mentor/ attending physician as a resident, my colleague as I became a practicing physician, and a fellow gym rat as we both went to the gym early in the AM before we went to the office.
All along the way he was such a gentle, caring person with such a deep commitment to helping people. I can't imagine how his patients are grieving, nor can I imagine the long line at his viewing. (I was unfortunately out of town.)
I can't imagine your loss, but I am also sure you must have so many wonderful memories! It is my hope and prayer that those memories and God's great love for you will see you through this sad, sad time.
Blessings, Drs Judy McDonald and Tom Burkholder

Judith McDonald MD - September 03, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles D. Peters.



August 27, 2021 at 07:18 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles D. Peters.



August 24, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ I was very fortunate to have worked daily with Dr. Charles Peters as a partner from 1976 until 2011. He was a bright, fine, dedicated and compassionate physician. He cared deeply about his many patients. His patients viewed him as not only their trusted physician and advisor, but also as their friend. Dr. Peters loyally supported his partners and his dedicated office staff. In addition to being my partner he was my friend, counselor and supporter. Dr. Peters will be greatly missed by his patients, colleagues, family, and friends.

Thank you for everything Charles!

David M. Caccese, M.D., FACP

David M. Caccese, M.D. - August 23, 2021 at 08:38 AM



“ Charles, I am saddened to read of your father's passing. My prayers are with you and your family.

KeriLyn Burrows

KeriLyn Burrows - August 22, 2021 at 07:12 PM



“ Please accept our heartfelt condolences. Dr. Peters was a skilled, dedicated and compassionate physician who touched many lives. He leaves a great legacy and will be missed.

Sarajane and Ted Williams and the Board of Directors of the Lower Macungie Township Historical Society

Sarajane Williams - August 20, 2021 at 10:25 PM



“ With fond remembrance of Dr. Charles Peters who treated my mother for many years with such compassion, patience and kindness. He was never hurried and so reassuring and understood her difficulty in her hearing loss and made special attempt to explain every procedure clearly. He was an exceptional physician and human being and will be missed by all who had the advantage of his care. Our sympathy to his wife Barbara and his family. (the family of Margaret Essig)

charlotte unser Unser - September 01, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ Our heartfelt sadness for the great loss of a wonderful man, our doctor for oh so many years, for my husband Ben and Kathryn. Dr. Peters always was concerned about our welfare and went beyond in the wonderful quality of care he gave to us. We simply, can't find another doctor, like our "Dr. Peters"...Boy, we loved our doctor. He was so caring, smart, resourceful, and compassionate to us at all times. Our sorrow is today, however, we celebrate each day, in the ways he taught us to care for ourselves. He always say, to me..."I'm concerned about you and Ben on that "Mountain".....and I reassured him, we were "Ok," because we had Dr. Peters.We miss you more and more each day...Dr. Charles Peters, was like no other...a true treasure of a person, our doctor...Kathryn & Ben Gress

Kathryn Gress - September 25, 2021 at 09:54 PM