



## John Clinton Peterson Sr.

July 27, 1928 - March 19, 2019

John Clinton Peterson, 90, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on March 19, 2019.

Clint was born in Winchester, Idaho, on July 27, 1928, to Ova Dale (Hunt) Peterson and Arthur John Peterson. Growing up, he was active in basketball as well as a talented musician who wrote music and played several instruments. After graduating from Winchester High School, he attended the University of Idaho and obtained his LLM in Law in 1950. Between 1951-55, he was an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Idaho. During that time he had a two-year break for active duty as an officer in the United States Air Force and was stationed in the Lincoln Heath, England, and at Travis Air Force Base. Upon settling in Solano County, Clint spent three years as a Deputy District Attorney. In 1957, he entered into private practice for the next 27 years at Kilpatrick, Peterson, and Ely in Vallejo. He tried a variety of criminal and civil litigation cases. He spent a great deal of time in justice and municipal courts, had substantial experience in the federal courts, tried death penalty cases, handled legal and medical malpractice cases, represented public entities and clients in class actions. In 1968, he was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers as a Judicial Fellow. In 1986, Governor Deukmejian appointed Clint to the Solano County Superior Court bench. Six years later, he was appointed as Presiding Justice, California Court of Appeal (First Appellate District, Division Five) in San Francisco where he presided over 150 cases. He retired from the bench in 1998. Clint was widely recognized by his peers as a hard-working and brilliant trial lawyer; he was also lauded as a mentor to other lawyers and judges throughout the Bay Area.

In addition to his legal career, Clint was an elected member of the Board of Trustees of (the then) Green Valley School District and also a Trustee of the Governing Board of Solano Community College. He was cubmaster of the Boy Scouts, chaired the March of Dimes, was an officer of the Solano County Bar Association, and ran electoral campaigns for local, state and national candidates running for public office.

Most of all, Clint was a dedicated husband, father and friend who could always be counted on to help in periods of need. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, was a gifted piano player, had a great appreciation for the outdoors, was a quick-witted, master storyteller, loved to play golf at Green Valley Country Club and was an avid reader of

historical nonfiction (his enthusiasm for reading was passed on to his children and grandchildren). He also loved to travel – a passion that took him to many countries around the world. One of his greatest joys later in life was his morning coffee at the La Barista Espresso, surrounded by friends and talking about the issues of the day.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Peterson; five children, Susie, Todd, Kristin, John and Andrew; seven grandchildren, Matthew, Laura, Dylan, Riley, Benjamin, Jordan and Brooklyn; and two great-grandchildren, Giovanni and Jemma.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 30, 2019, at Rockville Stone Chapel, 4221 Rockville Road, Fairfield, California.

# Cemetery

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## Rockville Cemetery

4219 Suisun Valley Rd.

Fairfield, CA, 94534

# Events

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**MAR**

**Celebration of Life**

10:00AM

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Rockville Stone Chapel

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# Comments

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“ Jamie Napier lit a candle in memory of John Clinton Peterson Sr.



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