



R. L. Peterson

August 18, 1940 - July 17, 2025

R.L. Peterson, age 84, of St. Augustine, passed away peacefully at his residence on July 17, 2025. Born on August 18, 1940, in Bonifay, Florida, he was the son of the late Roy Lee and Gertrude Peterson. R.L. had made St. Augustine his home for the majority of his life, where he was deeply rooted in the community and known for his dedication to public service.

A proud veteran, R.L. served his country honorably in the United States Marine Corps. Following his military service, he began a long and respected career in law enforcement. He first served with the St. Augustine Police Department before continuing his service with the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office. After retiring from law enforcement, R.L. continued to serve his community as a security guard at the Conch House.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Peterson; daughter, Joi Upchurch (Bryan); sons, Eric and Shane Peterson; sisters, Janie Prevatt and Gloria Jean Rohrer; brother, David Peterson (Penny); four cherished grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Jay Dean and Tolbert Peterson.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at St. Johns Family Funeral Home. A visitation, beginning at 10:00 a.m., will precede the service.

For those unable to attend, the services will be livestreamed by clicking the link below:

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Interment will follow at Craig Memorial Park.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

ST JOHNS FAMILY FUNERAL HOME
385 State Rd 207
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ 26 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - July 28, 2025 at 12:51 PM

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“ Gloria & Jennifer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of R. L. Peterson.

Gloria & Jennifer - July 28, 2025 at 10:48 AM

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“ Gloria & Jennifer purchased the *Enduring Grace* for the family of R. L. Peterson.



Gloria & Jennifer - July 28, 2025 at 10:48 AM



“ Thinking back to our visits when I was younger with my dad, brother and sister. Picking on us for our "accents" from Massachusetts. You will be missed Uncle R.L.
Love
Shawna, John, John Thomas ,William and Brayden



Shawna Enos - July 26, 2025 at 08:02 PM



“ Jeff and Nancy Prevatt purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of R. L. Peterson.



Jeff and Nancy Prevatt - July 25, 2025 at 10:08 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of R. L. Peterson.

July 24, 2025 at 03:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of R. L. Peterson.



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