



Lt.Cmdr Peter Gingras USNret

October 27, 1938 - August 26, 2020

Peter Gingras, born in Jacksonville, Florida sailed away from his home in Foley, Alabama to our Lord the 26th of August with his loving wife, Mary Anne Temple Gingras, at his side.

Peter attended Coral Gables High School in Coral Gables, Florida. He entered basic training for the Navy in 1956. Through hard work he secured a place at the Naval Academy Preparatory School located, at that time, in Bainbridge, Maryland. He entered into the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland with the class of 1962. While at the Naval Academy he earned a degree in marine engineering. Peter was also on the swim team for USNA.

While in college he met his wife, Mary Anne, also of Coral Gables. They wed on June 16, 1962. Lt. Cmdr. Gingras served in the Navy until 1982. He earned many accolades and citations including the Bronze Star with Combat "V" during one of his tours in Viet Nam. His duty stations include ship duty in San Diego, Saigon, Virginia Beach, and Newport. His land duty included San Diego, Norman (OK), Coronado, Pearl Harbor, Washington D.C., Gulfport and Jackson (MS), and Mobile.

Peter then went to work for Ingalls Shipbuilders. As a civilian he continued to serve the military as a system engineer. His final achievements at Ingalls include designing a diesel-fueled propulsion system for LHDS naval ships.

Peter retired from Ingalls in 2001.

Peter was an avid golfer and could describe holes from all over the southeast and other parts of the globe. He was also a competitive sailor. Peter served his local parish, St. Margret of Scotland, Foley, in many capacities including alter server and the parish counsel.

Peter is survived not only by Mary Anne but also by his eldest daughter Giselle "Gigi" Pickard, her husband, William "Billy" Pickard of Birmingham, their children, Marisa Pickard of Chicago, and Matthew Pickard, Class of 2022 U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis. Peter's youngest surviving daughter is Michelle "Mimi" Goecke Leverett, her husband, Dr. Rich Leverett, their children, Ian Goecke and Anna Goecke of Foley. Peter is also survived by his brother Hugh Gingras, Jr. who is married to Mary Frances of Martin, Tennessee and nephews Michael and David and their children.

In his final years Peter loved learning Spanish and working with those learning English. He loved traveling to officiate golf tournaments once he had to put down his own clubs. He was an Alabama State Golf Official. He loved meeting the young people participating in tournaments. The man who worked hard for his country, family and friends will be deeply missed. We know Peter is up there working for us again in heaven.

Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. Psalms
116:15

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **31**. 9:15 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St Margaret's of Scotland Catholic Church
601 West Laurel Ave
Foley, AL 36535

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

MH

“ My parents Joe & Betty, family and I are so deeply saddened discovering Peter's passing. But we are so happy we were able to reconnect with him and Mary Anne a couple of years ago. We cherish the Karmaann Ghia that Peter gifted us and all the loving support the Gingras' had given my family when we came to the US as refugees in 1975. We are so blessed to have had him in our lives.

Mary Ho - March 15, 2021 at 02:15 PM

DM

“ Peter was a gentleman. He was a great supporter of GlenLakes Golf Club and Amateur Golf. If we ever needed our Rules Official, Peter was there to support. Peter worked tirelessly on all (4) days of our National Jr. College Championship in heat and humidity to support these young athletes. His professionalism could not be matched. He will be deeply missed, and my condolences to his family.

*David Musial
PGA General Manager
GlenLakes Golf Club, Foley*

David Musial - September 04, 2020 at 07:38 AM

BD

“ I played many rounds of golf with Peter. He was very competitive but I enjoyed those days we shared on the links. As I was also retired from the Navy, we swapped many stories. My wife and I are also parishioners of St Margaret and we will certainly miss him. May he have fair winds and following seas.

Bill & Helen Doan - September 02, 2020 at 11:56 PM



“ Peter was a great Patron at our Foley Public Library. He will be truly missed by all of The Foley Library Staff. He Loved to read, and check out our Audio book selection .God Bless and our deepest condolences to the family.

Connie Hudson, Nancy Nall and Alan Corley.

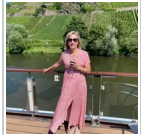
Connie Hudson - September 02, 2020 at 10:38 AM



“ Alabama Golf Association purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Lt.Cmdr Peter Gingras USNret.



Alabama Golf Association - August 30, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ Here are a couple of pictures of my dad. The more recent was his last visit to USNA the summer of 2018 to wish his grandson Godspeed at USNA. My dad LOVED the Navy and loved the Naval Academy! He spoke often of his classmates up until his last days. If any of his classmates read this all I can say is we love you too! Thank you for your service and all the good memories!



Gigi Pickard - August 29, 2020 at 10:26 PM

GH

Peter was one of the first people I met when joining St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church nine years ago. He always had a kind word and smile. He was loved by many and I will miss him. Rest In Peace, Gail Hand

Gail Scully Hand - September 03, 2020 at 10:35 AM

JA

“ *Mr. Gingras was a great friend to my parents and drove the coolest car (240Z) in the neighborhood hands down. A truly great man.*
James Wetzel

james - August 29, 2020 at 06:54 PM

RT

“ *Peter and I we're roommates at NAPS in 1957. Peter was a good and fun roommie. I'll always remember going to roller skate rinks with Pete so we could meet girls. I am so sorry for the loss of Pete and my deepest condolences to his family and loved ones. God bless Pete and his family.*
Ray Trimmer

Ray Trimmer - August 28, 2020 at 10:06 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Mimi Leverett - August 27, 2020 at 12:46 PM

AB

Great picture of your dad, Mimi!

Adam Bogart - August 29, 2020 at 05:25 PM

SS

I played many rounds of golf with Peter at GlenLakes Golf Club here in Foley. I got to know him well and always enjoyed being around "The Admiral" as I called him. After he stopped playing golf, he became a rules official with the AL Golf Association and then I would see Peter at many local tournaments. May you rest in peace, Peter. You have earned it!

Sam Strite - September 03, 2020 at 09:36 PM