



## Ronald Peterson

May 31, 1933 - February 1, 2013

Age 79, a mechanical engineer and lifelong salesman for the Torrington Company, died in Ann Arbor, Michigan on February 1, 2013. His death at Brecon Village was from respiratory failure due to complications from Alzheimer's disease. He died peacefully surrounded by family and friends. He was born in New Britain, Connecticut on May 31, 1933 the son of Gunnard R. Peterson and Helen Frances Zisk. Ronald graduated from New Britain High School in 1951, where he developed a passion for singing in senior choir, A Capella, men's chorus, and playing in polka bands for spending money. His motto: "To be good enough, you must be too good." He received a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Connecticut at Storrs in 1955. He was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, where he was dubbed "campus smoothie." He was President of Glee Club. Upon graduation, he served active duty as a Private and mechanical engineering assistant in the U.S. Army, going through basic training at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Aberdeen, Maryland. He started working for the Torrington Company, a bearing manufacturer based in Torrington, Connecticut, in 1955 and pursued a sales career for 43 years until his retirement in 1998. He was co-inventor of U.S. Patent Number 4,919,549 for a Hydrostatic Needle bearing that was issued on April 24, 1990. His curiosity and love of travel brought him to the pyramids in Egypt, the fjords in Norway, the open air markets in Marrakech, the island of Bora Bora in French Polynesia, the suburbs of Shanghai, the candlelit winter nights in Denmark, and family reunions on Nantucket. He

retired to Norfolk, Connecticut where he belonged to the Norfolk Church of Christ Congregational, serving as Deacon and receiving an honorarium as a lifetime steward. He regularly sang in the church and a professional Madrigal choir. He was President of the Norfolk Land Trust, President of Meadowbrook Senior Housing and volunteered with Habitat for Humanity. His favorite hobbies were sailing, particularly in the South Seas, making maple syrup each spring, and eating sweets. Ronald is survived by his sister, Diane Stoll (Norman) of Punta Gorda, FL, six children, Ronald of Brattleboro, VT, Christopher (Jolene) of New York, NY, Timothy (Julia) of Chicago, IL, Mary (Raymond) of Richland Center, WI, Matthew (Tirzah) of Milwaukee, WI and Richard (Kerry) of Ann Arbor, MI, along with five grandchildren, Ardea, Autumn, Shelby, Richard, and Charles. His wife, Margaret "Peggy" Peterson died July 1, 1994. A private burial will be conducted by the immediate family at Pond Town Cemetery, Norfolk, CT. In lieu of flowers or gifts, memorial contributions may be made to the Memory Support Center at Brecon Village 101 Brecon Drive Saline, Michigan 48176. Arrangements entrusted to the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline, MI. To sign Ronald's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Peterson*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



Stephen Edmondson

“ *I had the good fortune to live near Ron when he and Peggy moved to Norfolk, Ct. They were both fun and loving and a pleasure to be with. Ron and I commuted together until early 1996 when I took an international assignment for Torrington Co. Earlier we double handed a sailboat from Miami to Beaufort, NC going outside and riding the Gulf Stream. It was a glorious trip and yielded many stories, some of which were true. After my retirement in 1999 he and 2 other dear friends helped me move my sailboat from Norfolk, VA to R.I. Ron provided a role model for many of us and I always looked up to him with admiration. He and Peg worked together to raise a lovely family and the 6 children are terrific individuals and serve as a testimonial to their parents. He will be missed by all who knew him.*

*Steve Edmondson, Cape Elizabeth, ME*

Stephen Edmondson - March 03, 2013 at 12:28 PM

WB

“ To The Family of Ron Peterson,  
Needless to say, I was shocked to hear that Ron had passed away. While we had drifted away from each other over the years, we were the closest of friends when we were both young and I remember him playing in a polka band. I still remember when he first met Peggy. We did many things together until we both went our separate ways off to college. While I realize that none of you know me, I just want to pass on my sympathy to all of you, as I know what a great person Ron truly was in the time we spent together.

Walter Blogoslowski  
Vero Beach, FL

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walter blogoslowski - February 25, 2013 at 11:33 AM

FK

“ It was with great sadness that I learned Ron had passed. He was such a great man. I knew him, worked & worshipped with him, shared meals and enjoyed hearing him sing. He got to know my closest friend when he visited Nova Scotia. As manager of Meadowbrook Apartments, Ron serviced as President of the Board of Directors. He was a very dedicated President, always do the best he could to make a better life for our seniors. He was a great cook also and we would meet, eat, sing and celebrate life. What a joy and truly missed. Love and Peace to all as we remember him fondly.  
Fran Keeping

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Fran Keeping - February 15, 2013 at 07:03 AM

BW

“ To the family of Ron Peterson,  
I am very sorry to hear of the passing of Ron. I was also in sales with Torrington and Ron was my manager when I first went into the field in the Indianapolis office. Ron and Peg were great people and a great help to me starting my career. Ron had a wonderful smile and laugh and was never too busy to help. My best wishes to all of Ron's family.

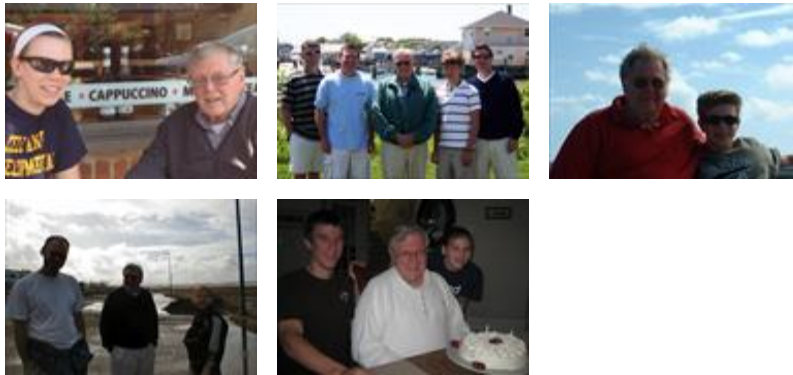
Bob Warner  
New Milford, CT

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Bob Warner - February 13, 2013 at 07:54 AM

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kerry peterson - February 09, 2013 at 08:03 AM

LF

I grew up with Ron in New Britain, he was a great guy growing up and we reconnected about 10 years ago. He was a great host and great cook. We really enjoyed visiting him in Norfolk. We met Mary at my brothers house in Wethersfield on Labor Day. Carl and I offer our deepest sympathy. Lorraine Fries

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Lorraine Fries - February 11, 2013 at 08:55 PM

JD

“ I worked with Ron for many years in sales at The Torrington Company. We worked together in South Bend and Torrington, CT and I have only good memories of Ron. He worked hard for the good of the company and all around him while maintaining the highest ethical standards and respect for others. Rest in peace Ron.

*Joe Dawkins*

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**Joe Dawkins** - February 07, 2013 at 10:40 AM