



Robert Elmer Peterson

June 25, 1935 - September 26, 2016

Robert Elmer Peterson was born in Westfield, NY on June 25, 1935 to Elmer and Margaret (Flatt) Peterson. He spent some time in his 20's serving in the Army, after which he attended both Stanford and UCLA, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Sports Psychology. In his youth he was quite the athlete playing football on a Canadian Pro-team. He also enjoyed golfing any chance he got and was a member of the Kingsburg River Golf and Country Club. He had a passion for skiing and could be found at Tahoe, Yosemite and even Switzerland whenever the weather was right. His other passions included auto racing, traveling, and at one time he even owned a race horse named St's Delight. Robert was an active member at St. Mary's Catholic Church, serving as a lectern for some time and was also a member of the Visalia Elks Lodge. He served as District Deputy of the Knights of Columbus and at one point served on the Tulare County Grand Jury. Robert led a very busy life and was a man of many talents. He was a track and field official for the Central California Association, often volunteered for the Red Cross, and even spent some time acting in many Ice House Theater Plays. For many years he has been under the care of his friend Jerry Kechloian. Burial will be held at Bakersfield National Military Cemetery and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Donations can be made in Robert's name to St. Mary's Catholic Church or Kaweah Delta Medical Center. A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com