Gene Royal Peterson II

1944 - 2014 PITTSFIELD Gene (Geno) Royal Peterson II passed away on Dec. 16, 2014 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was born on July 30, 1944 in Rutland, Vt., the son of the late Gene R. Peterson and Jean B. (Bossa) Peterson. He spent his early childhood years in Vermont until the family moved to upstate New York. In 1960 the family moved to Pittsfield, Mass. where Geno was accepted to Lenox Prep School. He was a member of the varsity baseball team and and it was there that he honed his golfing skills. After graduation from Lenox Prep, Geno was accepted to Williams College and was a valued member of the golf team. He would work at Taconic Golf Club while attending Williams college, setting the stage for his future career as a golf professional. Geno was drafted into the Army in 1966 and was stationed in Washington DC, where he proudly served as member of The Old Guard. He was honorably discharged from service in 1968 with the rank of Spc 4. After his stint in the Army, Geno went to work as an assistant Golf Pro at the CC of Pittsfield, then on to his dream job at Cohasset Golf Club, first as an assistant pro and then serving for 25 years as Head Golf Professional; the happiest years of his life!! Geno was also a proud lifetime member of the PGA of America. All who knew him will admit to Geno’s love of horse racing and his pursuit of the ultimate handicapping system. The system may have eluded him, but his love of “The Sport of Kings” never wavered. Geno was an avid sports fan who loved his LA Dodgers, Boston Red Sox, NY Rangers, New England Patriots and the original Cleveland Browns. He is survived by brothers, Kim Peterson of Alpharetta, Ga., Dirk Peterson and partner, Marcel of West Newbury, Mass., Tod Peterson and his fiancé, Tina Hill of Dalton and sister, Jill Peterson of Pittsfield and "John in the Attic". He is also survived by his two nieces, Jennifer and Sarah. Geno leaves behind countless lifelong friends including Billy, Fitzy, Susan, Judy, Dick. Geno (Disco Bob) loved you all!! The family would like to thank Dr. Thomas McNulty and his caring staff, the staff at Hillcrest Cancer Center and Springside Rehab Center with special thanks to Lisa and Connie who made his last days more comfortable. Per Geno’s request there will be no services. Donations in Gene’s memory can be made to the Boys and Girls Club of Pittsfield, MA.

Fare thee well, Geno.

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