



## Bedford Forrest Peterson Jr

December 17, 1935 - January 11, 2026

Bedford Forrest Peterson, Jr., age 90, of Old Hickory, TN, passed away Sunday, January 11, 2026.

He was born in Knoxville, TN, on December 17, 1935, the son of the late Dr. Bedford and Ava Boy Peterson.

A 1953 graduate of Fork Union Military Academy, Bedford attended Carson-Newman University before graduating from Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) in 1960. In 1956, he was the first News Photographer for Channel 6 News in Knoxville. He obtained his pilot's license in 1957 and served his country in the United States Army beginning in 1959, as well as the National Guard. On December 19, 1959, he married Agnes Faye Davis, daughter of Walter and Jewel Ford Davis, in Knoxville.

Bedford enjoyed a distinguished career, serving as the Assistant Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Transportation and founding his own business, PMI. Upon retirement, he turned his passion for hobbies into a business, opening and operating Peterson's Train Store. He was an active member of the Music City Chapter of the TCA (Train Collectors Association) and the Donelson-Hermitage Rotary Club. A man of faith, he served as a Deacon at First Baptist Church in Donelson, TN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Bedford Peterson and Ava Peterson, and his son, Dr. Robert Peterson.

He is survived by his wife, Agnes Faye Peterson, of Old Hickory, TN; son, Bedford Forrest Peterson, III and his wife Joni of Alpharetta, GA; daughter-in-

law, Amy Peterson (wife of the late Dr. Robert Peterson) of Signal Mountain, TN; son, Richard Lynn Peterson of Old Hickory, TN; brother, Larry Peterson of Knoxville; and sisters, Ava Peterson Randolph and Carolyn Peterson Hutsell of Knoxville. He is also lovingly remembered by his grandchildren, Forrest, Brent, Sidney, Hannah, and Stephanie; and great-grandchildren, Barrett, Everleigh, Jayce, and Luke; as well as other family and friends.

The family will receive friends from 12:00 noon until 1:00 pm on Saturday, January 17, 2026, with the funeral service following at 1:00 pm in the Manes Funeral Home Chapel, with Eddie Poole officiating.

Burial will follow in Union Cemetery.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

JAN 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (est)

Manes Funeral Home Inc.  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821  
(423) 623-6952  
manesfuneralhome@bellsouth.net  
<https://www.manesfuneralhome.com/index.cfm>

## Funeral service

JAN 17. 1:00 PM (est)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ So sorry, Faye & Richard for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you all at this time.



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**Maxine Clark Staton** - January 27 at 11:54 AM

RF

“ We are so sorry for your loss! Sending love and prayers from Grassy Fork.

*Harvey and Regenia Ford*

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**Regenia Ford** - January 23 at 08:44 AM

VP

“ Met Bedford years ago at his shop in the Donelson area and spent a lot of time at his Opryland location. He was a great supporter of our model train hobby especially our TCA Chapter. A great man and friend. Vic Petrone

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**Vic Petrone** - January 17 at 06:03 PM



“ Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Bedford Forrest Peterson Jr.



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January 16 at 02:59 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Bedford Forrest Peterson Jr.*



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January 16 at 02:43 PM



“ *I met Bedford through the Music City Chapter of the Train Collectors of America. I enjoyed his friendship as well as our mutual interests. His Train Shop was often visited and he helped me add to my collection. He will be missed greatly and not forgotten. God Speed my friend. Bob Stalcup*

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**Robert E. Stalcup** - January 16 at 12:51 PM



“ *Bedford Peterson was a friend of the Nashville Garden Railway Society. He supported our club with his attendance and contributions to our door prizes. I loved visiting his shop across from the Opryland Hotel. With his smile and gentle demeanor, I always counted him a friend. I will keep his memory in my thoughts and prayers. Bill Martin, Nashville, Tennessee*

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**Bill Martin** - January 16 at 12:17 PM



“ *Dear Faye and Richard, I am so sorry for your loss. I often pray for you as I do my walks on my property and I get sight of your property. I am thankful for our friendship and I will continue remembering you in my prayers. Love, Buster*

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**Buster Woody** - January 15 at 10:14 AM

FP

*Buster, Thank you so much and also for being such a good neighbor. You and your Mom did so much for Mother and they loved each other. Even though Bedford was not raised in Grassy Fork he loved the area and always commited how beautiful and peaceful the area is.*

**Faye Peterson** - January 16 at 06:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bedford Forrest Peterson Jr.*



January 14 at 08:27 PM

WW

“ *Bedford served with me as a Deacon at First Baptist Church and was a close church friend. He and I visited with Shut-ins at several nursing homes when we were active Deacons. He served with me at Room in the Inn when FBCD used to host it. I will miss him.*

**William White** - January 14 at 08:13 PM