Barry N. Peterson November 17, 1945 — December 23, 2023





Barry Nordell Peterson, 78, passed away on December 23, 2023 in Newcastle. Born on November 17, 1945, in Greeley, Colorado, Barry was a devoted father, grandfather, brother and veteran who brought light and joy into the lives of those who loved him.

Barry served in the United States Air Force from 1967 to 1970 and the Wyoming Army National Guard from 1978 to 1980. He fought for his country and defended others with unwavering dedication. Barry's commitment to serving others extended beyond his military service. He dedicated his career to public service, retiring from the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp in Newcastle as Deputy/Acting Warden in 2005. He also most recently served as an Adjutant professor of Criminal Justice for Eastern Wyoming College.

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A ceremony to honor Barry's life will be held at the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, South Dakota on Tuesday, January 16 at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Disabled American Veterans at www.dav.org.

The Meridian Mortuary in Newcastle is assisting with the arrangements.