



Peter Thomas Sherrill Sr.

January 31, 2019

Peter Thomas Sherrill, Sr., of Little Rock, passed away January 31, 2019. He was born in New York City on July 13, 1935, and grew up there and in Jacksonville, Florida.

He was married to Martha Sherrill for 56 years, and they have three children, Peter Thomas Sherrill, Jr., Karen Elizabeth Sherrill, and Clifton William Sherrill and wife, Edith.

He appreciated the importance of education. As a Korean War veteran, he took advantage of the G.I. Bill and obtained Bachelor and Master Degrees from the University of Wisconsin. He went on to earn a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University and became a history professor at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock for over thirty years. In addition, he served on the School Board for the Little Rock Public Schools from 1979-1982.

Growing up in Florida, he developed a love for the water. He was an avid canoeist who not only conquered the rivers of Arkansas, but spent time canoeing the rivers in Canada and Alaska as well. He was able to fulfill his lifelong dream of owning a home on the Gulf, and enjoyed many sunsets and gin and tonics on the deck of his Florida beach house.

Services will be held on Tuesday, February 5 at 10:00 a.m. at Little Rock Funeral Home, 8801 Knoedl Ct. (NW corner I-630 and Barrow Rd.), officiated by Rev. Aaron P. Davis.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Nature Conservancy, Attn: Treasury, 4245 N. Fairfax Dr., Ste. 100, Arlington, VA 22203.

Arrangements by Little Rock Funeral Home, (501)224-2200. Peter's online guestbook may be signed at www.littlerockfuneralhome.com.

Events

FEB **Service** 10:00AM

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Little Rock Funeral Home

8801 Knoedl Ct, Little Rock, AR, US, 72205

Comments



“ Dr. Sherrill was a fabulous teacher and a tremendous positive influence on all of his students at UALR .
His high standards and his piercing perception resonate in the hearts of all of us privileged to have him as our professor.

His legacy will be those of us who ask more questions and think more globally and expansively because of his excellent teaching skills.

All of us who enjoyed him as our professor will carry his lessons in our hearts , and into the next generation.

With gratitude,

Rita Mitchell
UALR Class of 1975

Rita Mitchell - February 04 at 11:37 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Peter Thomas Sherrill Sr..



February 04 at 05:05 PM



“ I still have vivid memories of Uncle Pete during family vacations- especially the laughter and great times during ski trips past. He will always be fondly remembered.



Eric Hofflander - February 04 at 01:21 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Peter Thomas Sherrill Sr..



February 04 at 01:15 PM



“ So many fond memories. From raising our children, playing in the culdасac, carpooling, watching them grow into fine adults. Staying with you and Peter at beach house was the best time. The harsh winter no electricity and Peter knocked on our door inviting us to share your fireplace and hot coffee. Good friends, good neighbors, good memories. Take care of each other. We love you. Carolyn and Marion Meins.

carolyn Meins - February 03 at 11:32 AM



“ Grateful for the years on Ridgepark and for Fred’s years with Peter in the History Department! What a great guy! Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Janet Williams - February 03 at 10:15 PM



“ Dr. Sherrill was one of the kindest men I have ever met. His generosity in helping others was like none I have ever known. Meeting him and Marty has been a highlight in my position of work. Thank you Marty for sharing your sweetheart with me. Please know my prayers are with you and your kiddos. May God grant you peace that passes all understanding.

Jewell Rapier - February 04 at 09:39 AM



“ We have lost a wonderful person and great colleague. My thoughts are with campus friends and his family.

Angela Sewall

angela sewall - February 04 at 10:48 AM



“ Dr. Sherrill was my first professor in my first class at UALR in the fall of 1973. He overwhelmed me (and a number of other students) with the amount of information he could pack into a 50 minute lecture. By the third week, I worked up the nerve to ask him to slow down so I could take better notes. He told me to write faster. I never left his class with less than three full pages of abbreviations and personal shorthand that no one else could read. He taught us how to study, how to know a fact and understand its role in history, how to think in concepts and see the larger picture. He taught history and he made us better students while he was at it. I've never forgotten the day he shadowboxed across the front of the classroom while explaining Alexander the Great's success.

Linda Stipsky - February 04 at 11:46 AM



“ Pete was an honest and kind man. We who knew him have been greatly enriched by it. He had the most wonderful and genuine laugh, just one of his many endearing qualities. As one would expect, he lived his final months with perfect grace.

