



## Peter Lewis Jepsen

August 29, 1944 - August 16, 2022

Peter Lewis Jepsen, born August 29, 1944 in San Diego, California, passed away August 16, 2022 in Albany, Oregon. Devoted and loving husband to Ruthanne Jepsen for more than 54 years, and father to Heidi Happonen, Peter joins his parents Dalbert and Elizabeth Jepsen and his brother Carl in peaceful rest with God.

A military veteran who served in the Army Veterinary Corps in Germany, Peter was a veterinarian and laboratory animal scientist his entire career. He cared deeply for the care of animals and the advancement of scientific discovery, taking on a national leadership role with AAALAC—a private, nonprofit organization that promotes the humane treatment of animals in science—until his retirement in 2004.

A musician who could summon the voice of God with his violin, he played with small groups throughout his life around North America as he moved with his family for his career and gave his daughter the gift of music by teaching her to play as well. He enjoyed traveling the world and exploring diverse cultures and histories with his wife and for 17 years they lived happily in Mexico together.

Raised in Salem, Oregon, Peter loved the natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest and after a lifetime of travels was happy to return to his childhood

home before passing.

His laugh. His heart. His generous spirit. His boundless curiosity. His devotion and dedication. His character. The way he gave those around him confidence with continual concern for their well-being. He will be missed greatly by the family he leaves behind—his wife, his daughter, his son-in-law, Johannes, and his two grandchildren, Julius and Aina.