

May 16, 1929 – June 1, 2025

Peter Parsons Frazier, 96, passed away peacefully on June 1, 2025, in San Marcos, California. Born May 16, 1929, in St. Louis, Missouri, Peter grew up in Pleasantville, NY. He was a proud World War II-era veteran of the U.S. Army. He had a rich and varied professional journey, working in industrial steel sales, as a stock broker, an arborist, and in public education at Sidney Fenn Elementary School in Medina, Ohio, and Hamilton Elementary School in North Kingstown, RI. A published poet and author of children's literature, he brought imagination and insight to his writing. Camera in hand, Peter spent hours photographing birds and walking in the natural world, always with an eye for beauty. He was also an avid golfer. In retirement, he and his beloved wife volunteered at the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum in Jamestown, Rhode Island—one of their favorite places. A devoted husband, companion, father, and grandfather, Peter was preceded in death by his wife, Joan McClintock Frazier, who passed away in 2003; his mother, Gertrude Parsons Frazier; his father, Earl Johnston Frazier; and his sister, Shirley Frazier Payne. He is survived by his five children, Margaret Frazier of Carolina, RI; Patricia Katz of Cranston, RI; Peter Frazier of New York, NY; Gwen Cordiak of Tempe, AZ; and Jeffrey Frazier of San Marcos, CA; thirteen grandchildren, and fifteen great-grandchildren. His family hopes to emulate his warmth, wit, optimism, and unwavering moral clarity. A private celebration of life will be held by the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association, <https://www.beavertailight.org/donate> or the Audubon Society of RI, <https://asri.org/donate/tribute/>.