



Maj. Oliver J. Peake (Ret.)

February 16, 1934 - July 28, 2025

Major Oliver J. Peake, 91, passed away peacefully on July 28, 2025, surrounded by loved ones.

A decorated veteran, devoted friend, and passionate entrepreneur, Oliver lived a life marked by service, adventure, and enduring bonds.

Born on February 16, 1934, in Woodville, Alabama, Oliver began his journey with a strong foundation in education and discipline. He graduated from Woodville High School in 1950 before earning an appointment to the United States Naval Academy where he graduated in 1957. His pursuit of excellence continued with further studies at Texas A&M University in 1965, where he received a Master's Degree in Computer Science.

Oliver proudly served his country as a Major in the United States Air Force. As an electronic warfare officer, he logged over 4,000 flight hours and was recognized with 16 Air Medal Commendations for meritorious achievement during aerial flight. In addition, he was presented with the prestigious Distinguished Flying Cross—a testament to his courage and skill in the line of duty. After 21 years of dedicated service, retired from the Air Force in 1977.

Following his military career, Oliver transitioned into civilian life with his characteristic drive and curiosity. He joined Coca-Cola Foods for 15 years

before retiring in 1996 and then became a successful real estate investor. His business ventures would not have been possible without his business partner and best friend, Glen Bradford. Glen was one of the most cherished relationships in Oliver's life and together they shared not only professional success but also countless hours of enjoyment, often at the lake house or boating on the bay.

Family remained an important part of Oliver's life. He treasured holidays spent with his niece, Barbara Mingarelli and her husband Tom, along with the extended Mingarelli family. These gatherings were filled with warmth and laughter—memories that will be held dear by all who shared them.

He was preceded in death by his parents Clifford Peake and Martha Olive, siblings Ruth Bogel (Graves), brothers Arthur E. Peake (Margaret) , twin Orvil Peake (Donna), Troy Peake (Pat) and Kay Peake (Dallas Peake's late wife).

Oliver leaves behind his brother Dallas D. Peake, his best friend and business partner Glen Bradford and spouse Judy Kleeman, and longtime housemate Paul Chapin.

He also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews along with their spouses and children, as well as cousins and their families.

A special thank you goes out to IPR (Oliver's hospice caretakers), specifically Lauren Jurica, his nurse and fellow Aggie who lovingly cared for him for almost a year, as well as Sylvia Casarez, who brightened Oliver's life three days a week for his last seven months with her joyful loving spirit. They both took a piece of Oliver with them in their hearts.

May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him and serve as a lasting tribute to a life well lived. A Graveside Service will be held on October 3, 2025,

at 11:00 AM at Union Cemetery, 12001 CR 8, Woodville, Alabama.

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery

Co. Rd. 8
Woodville, AL 35776

Previous Events

Graveside Memorial Service

OCT 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Oliver’s Sweet Angel, Sylvia and fellow Aggie Nurse, Lauren!
Thank you for everything! Love you so much!



Barb Mingarelli - October 03, 2025 at 10:18 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Maj. Oliver J. Peake (Ret.).

October 03, 2025 at 03:37 PM

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“ Deborah L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maj. Oliver J. Peake (Ret.).

Deborah L. - October 02, 2025 at 02:00 PM

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“ Christie Malires planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maj. Oliver J. Peake (Ret.).

Christie Malires - October 02, 2025 at 12:15 PM

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“ Barbara and Sandy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maj. Oliver J. Peake (Ret.).

Barbara and Sandy - October 02, 2025 at 10:11 AM

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“ Barbara and Sandy purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Maj. Oliver J. Peake (Ret.).



Barbara and Sandy - October 02, 2025 at 10:11 AM

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“ You will always be one of the great loves of my life! Here's a picture of Uncle Oliver's favorite cat (Sevie) taking a nap, birthday lunch and favorite daily activity, reading *The Wall Street Journal*!



Barb Mingarelli - October 02, 2025 at 01:31 AM