





Born: 3 Jul 1953 Sanford, FL Married: 16 Mar 1974 R Shan Sizemore

Died:

Parents: Ralph L Peters & Mildred L Hiers

Brief Bio:

Wayne was born in and spent most of his early life in Sanford, FL. His parents were divorced when he was 8 years old.

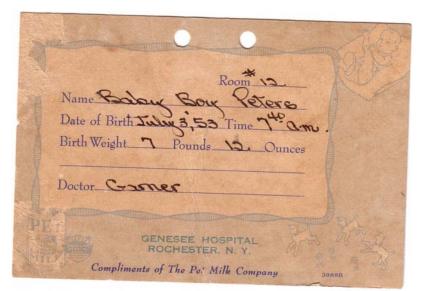
Wayne enjoyed roller skating and participated in several productions presented by the local skating rink in Sanford. He won several skating trophies and awards. For a short time, Wayne entered speed skating races until he took a nasty spill on a wooden skate floor in Lakeland, FL. That ended his interest in participating in speed racing.

While attending the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Wayne was introduced, by his mother, to a young lady, R. Shan Sizemore. Shan and Wayne's mom both worked at J C Penney in Sanford. They dated for almost a year and were married on March 16, 1974. At the time of their marriage, Wayne was working for a local grocery store as a stock clerk. Soon after their marriage, Wayne began to work for Pantry Pride Grocery Stores. He worked for them for almost 10 years during which he was promoted several times. Shan and Wayne have one son, Robert Peters and one grandson, Aaron Peters.

After Pantry Pride, Wayne began working as an Assistant Manager for a Burger King franchise in Sanford. Within a year he was promoted to Restaurant Manager. Over the next few years he earned several awards that included trips for him and his family to Cancun, Mexico; New York City, NY; and in 1987, earned Restaurant Manager of the Year and he and his family were given a week vacation in London, England.

After leaving Burger King, Wayne went to work for Family Christian Stores as manager of one of their stores in Jacksonville, FL. He worked there for a little over 10 years.

Wayne is currently employed at his church, Springhill Baptist, in Fernandina Beach, FL, as the Office Manager.



Wayne was born 3 July 1953 at the Fernald-Laughton Hospital in Sanford, FL.





Fernald-Laughton Hospital, once a private residence, served Seminole County until 1956.

This home was donated to Seminole County by two families, Fernalds and Lawtons to use as a hospital in 1919. There were 5 private rooms and the house was large enough to accommodate 35 beds and one operating room. The operating room was in the old hall of the residence and an elevator connected directly to the operating room. The elevator was run by a rope and prior to surgery the surgeon or someone had to pull the patient up and down the elevator to surgery and then back upstairs to their room. The hospital was located on the corner of 5th Street and Oak Avenue. A bed in the main ward cost \$5.00 a day, private rooms were \$7.00 a day. The operating room charge was \$5.00 for the first hour for minor procedures and \$10.00 for major ones and \$5.00 for each hour thereafter.

Picture of hospital from the book, "Images of America, Sanford" by the Sanford Historical Society, pg 106. Information on the hospital's history comes from a written account by Charles Park. Sr. MD.





Wayne at ages 1 & 8 (est)

Parents Honor Loch Arbor Boy With Party On His Ninth Birthday

on Sunset Drive in Loch Ar-

A group of Wayne's playmates gathered in the back yard which was decorated with colored balloons and enjoyed an afternoon of games and fun. Movies were made of the honoree and his guests. Refreshments of cup cakes, decorated with miniature flags, ice cream and candy were served by Mrs. Peters, assisted by Mrs. W. K. Hiers

A birthday cake, decorated with a rocket, space ships

and Miss Donna Peters.

Wayne Peters celebrated his ninth birthday with a party given in his honor by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Peters, at their home iney, Denise Bagwell, Carin gott, Carol Ann Brumley, Jerry Vorholt.



WAYNE PETERS, center front, holds one of the skates that he received among other gifts at his birthday party. With him are Donna Manfree, left and Denise Bagwell right. Back row left to right are Patti Pigott and (Herald Photo) Becky Dominey.

This is from an article in the Sanford Herald from July of 1962 (Not sure why there were not any boys in the picture except for Wayne)







Above picture is of Wayne Peters and Debbie Nolan after receiving one of the trophies pictured to the left. Picture below is of Wayne Peters from one of the skating productions called, "Showboat."





Wayne at a Seminole High School dance



Wayne in the Seminole Junior College Choraliers 1972 (Wayne is on the back row, second from the right side)



Wayne and Shan were married on 16 Mar 1974, at the First Baptist Church in Geneva, FL

On 3 Sep 1974, Robert Peters was born.



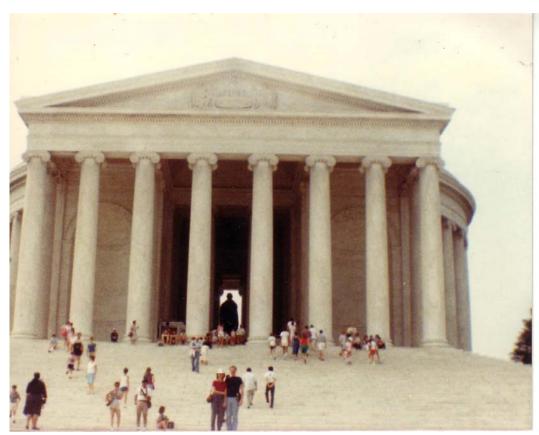
Robert is presently married to his second wife, Jamie. He has one son from his first marriage, Aaron.

Over the years, Wayne and Shan, and sometimes Robert, were able to visit several places. Some of the vacations were awards Wayne earned while working for Burger King.

In 1983 they were able to go to Hawaii







Wayne and Shan standing in front of the Jefferson Memorial



The White House

In July of 1986 all 3 of us spent a weekend in New York City, NY (courtesy of Burger King):





Picture taken from the top of the Empire State Building (note: Twin Towers)

In March of 1987 Wayne and Shan spent a weekend in Cancun, Mexico (courtesy of Burger King):



The white sand beaches of Cancun



We walked to the top of this Mayan Pyramid called Chichen Itza near Cancun

In August of 1987 all 3 of us spent a week in London, England (courtesy of Burger King):



This is a picture of Wayne receiving Restaurant Manager of the Year award from Mickey and Goofey. The award: A vacation in London, England.



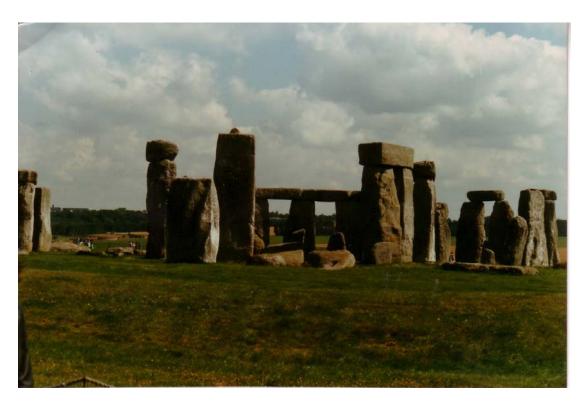
Wayne and Rob standing across the Thames River from the British House of Parliament and Big Ben



The Tower Bridge



Rob standing in front of Windsor Castle



Stonehenge

Life Event:

In March of 1993, Wayne and his wife Shan, decided to spend a week in the North Carolina mountains to celebrate their 19th wedding anniversary. They arrived on Friday evening at Wayne's uncle Bobby's cabin just as snow started to fall. At 1:00 am Saturday morning, Shan woke Wayne up because the electricity had gone off and it was literally freezing inside the cabin. There wasn't a fireplace or a kerosene heater and without electricity the cabin was cooling down fast.

This particular weekend turned out to be the "Storm of the Century." By morning, several feet of snow had fallen around the cabin and temperatures dropped to below zero at night. They were stuck in the cabin with no way down the mountain and very little food to eat. Family members back home knew, as they heard the weather reports, that Wayne and Shan were not prepared for such bad weather and were in possible danger. They convinced the local Rescue Department to try and reach us and bring us down the mountain. They were unable to do so on Sunday. Monday morning, after spending 2 days and 3 nights trying to stay warm and only having 2 cans of soup to eat, the Rescue folks were able to use a 4-wheeler to make their way up part of the mountain and then hiked the rest of the way up to find us. Wayne and Shan grabbed a few things and the Rescue folks took them to a First Aid shelter where they called worried family members to tell them they were ok.





This picture is of the back deck area This picture is of our car after I scraped snow off to try and get in

After our rescue, we rented a car and drove home to Valdosta, GA. A week later, we drove back up to get things we had left in the cabin and our car. Thankfully, almost all the snow had melted by then.



Wayne and Shan Peters

This picture was taken in 2009. We have been married for over 35 years and are truly blessed to have one another as husband and wife.

Shan works as a Media Specialist at Camden Middle School in Kingsland, GA. We continue to take vacations each year and now take our grandson, Aaron with us. Over the years we have taken him white water rafting and on the Great Smokey Mountain Railroad in North Carolina, to the mountains of Tennessee, Kennedy Space Center in Titusville, FL, Daytona Speedway in Daytona Beach, FL, Sea World and Universal Studios in Orlando, FL, and to Washington, DC.



Aaron Peters

Shan and I also take short trips from time to time to do ancestry research in Georgia, South Carolina, and other southern states. We have visited many libraries, historical societies, museums, battlefields, and even cemeteries looking for information on our ancestors.

We plan to continue to travel with our main goal, after we retire, to be able to visit where our ancestors came from in Europe.