

The Persistent Soul

Paul M. Wiegert (ACAS 1975)

1937-2020

When a car accident confined Paul M. Wiegert to a wheelchair in 1963, he did not allow his disability to interfere with his becoming an actuary: He had faced harrowing challenges before. Ten years earlier, he served three years in the U.S. Army's, 77th Special Forces as a Green Beret paratrooper in post-WW II Germany. The man who lived his life never holding back passed away on October 27, 2020, after a short hospital stay at Aspirus Wausau Hospital in Wisconsin. He was 83. Born June 30, 1937, in Appleton, Wisconsin, he was the son of the late Melvin and Bertha (Beach) Wiegert. On April 25, 1959, he married Luella Leick, and together the couple had three children. In 1970 he earned his master's degree in mathematics from the University of Illinois. He retired as the director of homeowners and auto pricing for Sentry Insurance in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, in 1994. Despite being a paraplegic for 58 years, he lived a full life. He enjoyed boating, woodworking, flying radio-controlled airplanes, pampering his lawn and traveling with his wife. The couple also lived in the home they built on Lake Dubay, Wisconsin and spent 23 retirement winters in Panama City Beach, Florida. He is survived by his wife, three children, eight grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, five siblings and many nieces and nephews. Please send donations to a charity of your choice. To express online condolences, please visit www.petersonkraemer.com.