



## Dr. Robert W. Pointer

December 1, 1930 - August 25, 2018

Robert Wayne Pointer, MD, flew away August 25, 2018. Thank you all for being a part of my life, and/or just reading about it, now. I was born on December 1, 1930, to my mother, Mildred A. (Borgstrom) Pointer, my father, Clem Joseph Pointer and my only sibling, Jack Doan Pointer, in Ladysmith, Wisconsin at 3:33AM. I grew up in Chippewa Falls, WI, during the Great Depression, but had no idea that anyone was as poor as we supposedly were; graduating from Chippewa Falls High School in 1948 just after WWII had ended. One memorable year in the US Navy Hospital Corps was spent, in part, at the Naval Hospital, NNMC, Bethesda, MD, and then off to the University of Wisconsin Madison, where I finally graduated from medical school in 1957. The following six years found us in Marshfield, WI (internship), again at UW Madison, WI (residency) as well as Verdun, France, with the US Army, and finally in Sheboygan, WI for thirty years, in the practice of ophthalmology. During those memorable years, I met, and married, on December 25, 1953, in Peshtigo, WI, my true love, Carol Amy Birkett, who, with her new RN degree, not only “put me through med school”, and all that followed, but blessed us with five wonderful children, all but one, whom have survived me. Mom, Dad, brother, Jack (Shirley survives) and youngest son, William, have all preceded me in death. Our four remaining children continue their journey: David W. Pointer (Catherine) ret. USAF, Ironwood, MI; Daniel J. Pointer, Woodruff, WI; Carolyn Pointer Crawley (Geoffrey, ret. USAF), Dover, DE and Robert Douglas Pointer, Maui, HI. They, in turn have blessed us with

nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Our retirement, since 1993 to Florida, has been blessed with numerous new dear friends, to whom, and with all others, and relatives on this beautiful planet, I reluctantly say adios. I will remember, God willing, all the beautiful things on earth, that made my life so special: among them: the unmasking of our beautifully created body, the joy of flight with the clouds, world travels, and the second world to be explored beneath the oceans waves; then, the joy of Christian fellowship. For now I say again, adios, and a brief goodbye, I hope to see you all at Jesus' feet. Will you meet me there?

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Garden

Arbor Vitae, WI

# Tribute Wall

LT

“ Carolyn, I am just seeing this news of your father’s 2018 passing, which occurred only days after my father, a pastor, also went to Heaven.

*I never got to meet your dad, but I strongly sense that your goodness reflects his.*

*My heart goes out to you and yours.*

*Larry R. Terry*

*Houston, Texas*

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**Larry Terry** - December 10, 2021 at 01:32 PM



“ I had the privilege of working with Bob for 9 years in Sheboygan. He helped me get started in my ophthalmology practice. One of my favorite memories was flying with him in his Bonanza to Nashville for a medical meeting. We went to the Grand Old Opry! Bob was an honest, kind, and straightforward man. His patients still fondly remember him! Jim and I send our sympathy to Amy and the family.

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**Kathryn Green** - September 07, 2018 at 03:40 PM

ME

“ So sorry to hear of another loss in your family- all too soon our loved ones go to be with Jesus- and leave us here to pick up the pieces. We are happy for them- but sad for our loss of not being with them. I have many great memories of times shared at the Pointer house, for friend time, showers, etc. he was always strict, but such a great man and I wish I was there to give you each a hug and a tear. losing a parent is hard, and I can't imagine losing a brother, and a husband in one year. know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. Myra and Don Eischen

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**Myra Eischen** - September 06, 2018 at 02:22 PM

LK

“ I will always be forever grateful to Dr.Pointer for the wonderful results of the eye surgery he performed on my daughter over 35 years ago. My daughter was very cross eyed when she was born and at the age of 2 Dr. Pointer operated on her with miraculous results! He was hesitant at the time as he told us he had not operated on someone that small but due to the severity he made the decision to move forward with the surgery. As you can imagine she did not like being around all the strangers at the hospital but Dr. Pointer would calmly sit with her and in his gentle voice talked with her, calmed her down and nicknamed her sweet pickles and had given her a small stuffed animal. Condolences to all of his family.

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**Lynn Knaak** - September 06, 2018 at 07:09 AM

MB

“ We grew up on Stearns Lake with the Pointer family. We knew when he was arriving as he would fly over the lake to signal he was ready to be picked up at the local airport. Bob was a great asset to our lake and will be remembered by all. Our thoughts and prayers are with Amy and his family. We will always feel his spirit on Stearns Lake.  
*Burtness Family*

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**Mary Burtness** - August 31, 2018 at 11:06 AM

RC

“ I met Bob through The Methodist Church golfing group. Being a bit green he coached me on all facets of the game. He was a lot of fun as we played many games. He was meticulous and caring at the same time. I will miss him very much. As he also taught me lessons of life.

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**Ron Capacio** - August 29, 2018 at 10:23 AM

PP

“ Wonderful, God-fearing man. Proud to call him my Grandfather.  
Until we see eachother again. Love & miss you. -Paul



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**Paul Pointer** - August 28, 2018 at 11:40 AM

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“ Grandpa Pointer



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**Paul Pointer** - August 28, 2018 at 10:35 AM

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**Paul Pointer** - August 28, 2018 at 10:29 AM