



## Peter Jerome Hurtt

August 23, 1935 - July 15, 2018

Today we mourn the loss of a Great American.

Our family is saddened by the loss of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather; Peter Jerome "PJ" Hurtt. Peter was born in Peekskill, NY on August 23, 1935. He married Josephine "Jo" Carano in 1956 and enjoyed nearly 62 years of loving marriage.

Peter is predeceased by his father Paul, mother Rosemary, brother, Paul Jr., sister, Pauline, and first daughter Joanne. Peter is survived by his wife Jo, daughter Deborah, daughter Theresa (husband Scott Elia), son Peter Jr. "Buddha" (wife Katya), son Michael (wife Diane), son Thomas (wife Michelle), son Steven, daughter Jenna (husband Vince Bongermino), daughter Margaret (Moore), 17 grandchildren; Ben, Allison, Becky, Madelyn, Ryan, Nina, Garrett, Gavin, Dylan, Rachel, Jake, Michaela, Sophia, Caitlin, Belvie Jr., Sarah, and Sergei; 2 great grandchildren; sister Elizabeth Cartisano, and many nieces and nephews.

Peter's life had always been one of service to his family, his community, and to the Nation that he loved. He joined the Army National Guard in 1953, primarily serving in the 133rd Ordinance Company of the 106th Ordinance Battalion at Camp Smith in upstate NY. Peter attended NCO Leadership School at West Point. Peter served for over 10 years, receiving an honorable discharge on December 8, 1963, leaving the service at the rank of Platoon Sergeant E-5. Peter was employed by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for 28 years as agent, sales manager, and district manager. Peter was a Certified Life

Underwriter. Following his career at MetLife, Peter was employed by the Business Council of NY State, and then Eldredge & Lumpkin of Chatham, MA. Peter graduated from the American College of Financial Services in Bryn Mawr, PA in 1973.

Peter was a life-long and passionate member of Rotary Club International, serving as President of the Albany Airport Chapter in Albany, NY; member of the Chatham, MA Chapter, member of the Kissimmee, FL Chapter, and member of the Rotary Club of The Villages, FL. Peter was a twice-honored Paul Harris Fellow.

After retirement, Peter and Jo moved to Cape Cod, MA and wintered in Kissimmee, FL. Peter and Jo eventually moved permanently to Florida, first to The Villages and then eventually settling in Fruitland Park.

Never one to sit still, Peter remained as active in retirement as he was while working. Peter loved woodworking, and together with Jo, they crafted all manner of wood furniture, home decoration, and other beautiful handcrafted items, successfully selling these at craft fairs for many years. Peter also loved anything mechanical and was considered a Jack-of-all-Trades, a trait he passed down to his sons. Peter was always fixing something for friends and family. Peter's motto was; "If it's mechanical, it can be fixed". Peter tinkered with old cars and was the proud owner of a 1926 Model T and active member of the Cape Cod Antique Car Club.

Peter joined The Village's Community Watch, ultimately achieving status as Superintendent of the Watch Patrol.

Peter was an avid amateur historian, with a love for Civil War and World War II history, often giving presentations on both subjects.

One of Peter's greatest contributions, especially over the past decade, was his personal crusade to recognize and celebrate Veterans and those currently servicing in all branches of the United States Armed Forces. Peter was instrumental in organizing Veteran recognition celebrations for the Rotary Club, particularly during Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Peter was extremely proud that four of his grandchildren served (Marines, Air Force, and

Coast Guard).

Peter's sense of humor and quick wit was ingrained in his personality from a very early age. As noted in his high school yearbook; "Days would not be complete without a word from Pete". We are saddened that those words are now forever silent but are truly blessed for his extraordinary presence in our lives.

Rest in Peace, Peter.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 24 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the Chapel of Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Paul's Catholic Church on Wednesday, July 25 at 8:30 am with Father Gianni Agostinelli, Celebrant. Inurnment will be held on Thursday, July 26 at 10:00 am at Shiloh Cemetery, Fruitland Park, FL.

# Tribute Wall

DP

“ To Deb, Sophia and the Hurtt family, our sincerest condolences for the loss of your father and grandfather. We light this candle in his memory.



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**Dan and Ginger Pona** - August 03, 2018 at 03:18 PM

ED

“ Debbie, I'm for the loss of your father. My deepest condolences to you and your family. The heartfelt tribute left me humbled for the short opportunity in his presence and wishing that I had been better able to know him. May the warmth of the Lord's presence engulf your hearts and heal the hole left from his departure from this world.

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**Ellen Didion** - July 25, 2018 at 04:39 AM

RD

“ Trusting in God's promise and believing PJ's light is shining brightly in his heavenly home.



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**Regina DeMarco** - July 23, 2018 at 03:49 PM

EC

“ I am sorry to hear about Mr. Hurtt who has been very involved as a citizen at our regular meetings. He will be sorely missed.

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**Esther Coulson** - July 23, 2018 at 12:07 PM

SM

“ Dear Aunt Jo and family, I'm so sorry for your great loss. I have a special place in my heart for you and Uncle Pete as my Godparents. I'm so glad my parents chose you both. He will be missed by so many lives he touched. Love, Susan

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**Susan Mitchell** - July 20, 2018 at 04:25 PM

KF

“ Teri, so sorry for the loss of your father. Such a beautiful obituary tribute to your dad. Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.

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**Kimberly and Ray Forbes** - July 20, 2018 at 06:18 AM

GG

“ P J: From one old soldier & Rotarian to another... You will be sorely missed.

*PJ was a good friend; he always smiled and greeted everyone with enthusiasm. He loved to talk.*

*And I was a good listener. He enjoyed a wonderful life with many friends and associates. He will live in our memories forever!*

*George Green*

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**George Green** - July 19, 2018 at 11:25 PM

RD

“ *What a beautiful tribute for a life well lived by a wonderful man. Those who knew him will remember his cheerful personality and the gift he had of making you feel special as he always took his time to acknowledge those around him with a greeting and sincere interest. My prayers are with his family as they process their loss. I pray God's love will envelop you all and carry you thru this time of sorrow, leaving behind a sense of peace in your hearts with love and memories of your special times together to cherish throughout this life.*

*In deepest sympathy.*

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**Regina DeMarco** - July 19, 2018 at 03:02 PM

RO

“ *My heart is heavy having heard the news of Peter's (Pop's) passing. I was blessed to get to know Peter while I worked at the Savannah Center with his daughter Debbie. When I read Psalm 30 verse 5 "Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning." It reminded me not only of Peter's faith in God but also his outlook on life. And so it is that I pray 'Acknowledge Lord, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock and receive him into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen'. To Jo, Debbie, Sophia, Steve and the rest of the family my thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless.*

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**Rev. Robert Wayne Ogg** - July 19, 2018 at 01:22 PM

RB

“ *My deepest condolences to Debbie and the family.*

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**RICHARD BROOKSHIRE** - July 18, 2018 at 02:22 PM

KM

“ *Our deepest sympathies during your time of loss, and our thoughts/prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

*Everyone here at EDP*

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**Kimberly McAlonen** - July 18, 2018 at 02:22 PM