



## Peter Michael Zaums

August 9, 2020

Peter Michael Zaums of Lambertville, Michigan, beloved and devoted husband, dad, grampy, uncle, and loyal friend, entered the Kingdom of Heaven on August 9, 2020, following an eight-month battle with lung cancer. In his 76 years, Pete shared his unconditional love, sense of humor, counsel, service to others, love of God and good stewardship to all those that were blessed to know him.

Born July 10, 1944 in Riverside Illinois, Pete attended Bennet Academy, in Lisle, Illinois. He graduated from Xavier University in 1966 and the University of Toledo School of Law in 1973.

Pete served his country in the United States Army from June of 1966 until June of 1970. He attended Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Pete's tour of duty was as a First Lieutenant, United States Army Adjutant General Corps, Headquarters USARYUS, on the island of Okinawa, Japan.

Pete spent his 47-year legal career in private practice, respectfully serving his valued clients primarily of Monroe County, Bedford Township and Toledo. Pete cherished his work and all of those with and for whom he counseled. Missed will be his quick wit, excellent judgement, caring professionalism, and fair and equal treatment of all. As an admirer of Abraham Lincoln, Pete fought unceasingly for honest and realistic outcomes for his clients.

Pete served his Bedford community in many ways. As a devout Catholic and a life-long member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, he served as a member of the Knights of Columbus, Parish Council, Welcome Team 3,

Church Gang Prayer Group, and The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. As a member and past President of the Bedford Township Lions Club, Pete formed strong alliances among his colleagues as well as the members of the Bedford community by legally supporting the longevity of the Lions Club. As President of the Board of Directors of Heartbeat of Monroe, he helped to ensure that babies, both born and unborn, were provided for and loved. This year, together with Bedford Township, Pete facilitated the creation of the 22-acre Wheeler Wildlife Preserve in Lambertville, in memory of his clients and friends, James and Anna Wheeler. Finally, Pete and his family have been members of the Green Hills Community in Lambertville for 47 years, where he has gained numerous life-long friends. Throughout the years, Pete served as a member of and the attorney for the Board of Trustees in Green Hills. Pete cherished time and countless memories dancing, boating, traveling, laughing, and loving life with family and friends. His favorite spot to relax and unwind was at the family cottage on Lake LeAnn, in Somerset, Michigan. Pete loved to golf with the guys and was an avid curler with the Bowling Green Curling Club, enjoyed this sport alongside his wife, Mary. Finally, Pete found true enjoyment while attending or watching Xavier University basketball games with his fellow Xavier graduates, and becoming completely out of control during March Madness! Pete's friends and memories from Mt. Carmel Knights of Columbus, Welcome, and Church Gang; Bedford Public Schools; Bedford Township Lions Club; Green Hills Families; Heartbeat of Monroe; Shrine High School Class of 1963, Royal Oak, Michigan; and the Monroe County and Toledo Legal Communities, will forever be cherished. Pete's family will forever remember his kind smile, adorable sense of humor and unceasing love of God and country. Pete and Mary Lou (Devine) met at the Kentucky Derby in 1962 and were married in September of 1967. Their loving 53-year union brought three beautiful girls into this world, Jenn Scally (Howie), Mary Beth Schlick (Greg), and Chrissey Zaums. Pete shared his life constantly with his eight amazing grandchildren, Lindsay, Madalin, Olivia, Evan, Gavin, Ella and Quinn. He is also survived by his sisters, Patricia and

Mary Alice and many nephews and nieces. Pete was preceded into heaven by his parents Mildred and Michael Peter Zaums, his step-father, Joseph McGee, his sisters, Helene and Peggy and his beloved grandchild, Gabriel Scally.

The Zaums family would like to thank the innumerable friends and relatives who have made meals and sent cards and greetings to our family throughout Pete's illness. They wish to also thank all of Pete's medical doctors, nurses and staff, but especially Hospice of Northwest Ohio for their unceasing support and loving care.

Visitation will occur at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Wednesday afternoon, August 12, 2020, from 2 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. with scripture service and eulogies at 6:30 p.m. The Holy Mass will be offered for Pete at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. The funeral mass will be streamed live on Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church's Facebook page. The family will greet friends outside of the church before the service. Burial service will take place at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery immediately following Mass. Celebrating life "for Pete's sake" will be arranged at a later date.

Due to COVID-19 please wear face masks and practice social distancing throughout the visitation and memorial service.

Please leave a condolence message for the family and view Pete's memorial video tribute at [coylefuneralhome.com](http://coylefuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers, Pete has requested donations be made to your choice of: Heartbeat of Monroe, 123 W. 1st Street, Monroe, MI 48161 or The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 8330 Lewis Ave., Temperance, MI 48182 or Xavier University, [www.xavier.edu/giving](http://www.xavier.edu/giving).

# Cemetery Details

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

AUG **12**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

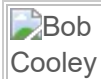
Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

### Funeral

AUG **13**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

# Tribute Wall



Bob  
Cooley

“ *Our prayers are with the entire Zaums family. My mother Patricia Cooley had the pleasure of working with him in the court system for many years, and I had the pleasure of coaching his kids for a summer. He left smiles wherever he went. May God be with all of you.*

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**Bob Cooley** - August 27, 2020 at 04:27 PM



TW

“ *Sincere condolences to Peters family. Such a great sense of humor, intelligence and decency! Rest in heaven Pete 🙏*

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**tom woda** - August 22, 2020 at 10:55 AM



“ *Mary Lou and Family,  
Juan and I send you our prayers and sympathy. We were so sorry to hear of Pete's passing. We take heart in knowing your faith, family and friends will sustain you in this most difficult time. Many in the community know of your kindness and contributions. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers in your time of grief.*

*With love  
Lisa and Juan Duran*

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**Lisa Duran** - August 21, 2020 at 06:57 PM

DN

“ Though I did not have the pleasure of knowing Pete Zaums well, I did have the pleasure of working with Mary Lou Zaums at the Bedford Public Schools. She was a respected effective educator and administrator during that time, and it was obvious that family was important to Mary Lou.

*During this time Mary Lou and family, know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*David and Leslie Neuendorff*

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**David J. Neuendorff** - August 16, 2020 at 04:29 PM

LH

“ *Mary Lou, So sorry to hear about Pete. He helped me through some tough times. I have many fond memories of faculty parties at your house. Jule and I send our prayers and condolences.*

*Lew Horn*

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**Lew Horn** - August 13, 2020 at 03:14 PM

JV

“ *Please accept our sincere condolences for Pete's passing. Pete and I were at Toledo Law School together and I knew him from his practice in Monroe County. He was a true gentleman and a credit to his family, friends, faith and profession. It was a pleasure to know him. May his memory live on and may her Rest In Peace.*

*Judge Jack and Karen Vitale*

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**Jack Vitale** - August 13, 2020 at 11:22 AM

ST

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Mary Lou. I know that he was your calm in the storm and a wonderful husband and father. He touched many lives with his kindness. I remember enjoying his sense of humor when we all got together at your house for Christmas parties. My prayers are with you and your girls and family.  
Love,  
Sharon Tilley



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**Sharon Tilley** - August 13, 2020 at 11:18 AM

KJ

“ Chrissey, Your father seems like a wonderful man. He set a great example and it seems you have followed in his footsteps. May you find consolation in your family, friends and faith. May he rest in peace.  
Karen Jankowski

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**Karen Jankowski** - August 12, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss, Mary Lou. Our hearts go out to you and all in your wonderful family. Pete was simply a great guy...calm, kind, and a friend to all. We remember the faculty parties at the Zaums 'mansion' and up at the lake. Pete was the perfect host. Fun times over the years with both of you! Words can't express how sad we feel and our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless. Lynn and Larry Golba

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**Larry Golba** - August 12, 2020 at 07:33 PM

TD

“ Dear Mary and Family... We are so very sorry to hear about your loss. Pete was a friend and neighbor and one of the kindest people we've ever known. He always greeted you with a smile. As an attorney he set the bar at the top in integrity and equally on a personal level. He will be greatly missed and never forgotten. Todd and Sue Deister

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**Todd and Susan Deister** - August 12, 2020 at 07:19 PM

DC

“ Dear Mary Lou and family,  
We are so saddened to hear of Pete's passing. We send our thoughts, our prayers and our deepest sympathies to you and Jenny, MaryBeth and Chrissey. All the wonderful times we spent with you & Pete, Judy and Bill are some of our favorite memories of LadyField days watching Jenny, Lynn and Malini growing up. May all the good memories of life and love bring you peace and comfort.  
Fondly,  
Lachu & Nancie

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**Dr. Lachman & Nancie Chablani** - August 12, 2020 at 03:02 PM

JR

“ Thoughts and prayers for the entire family.

*Jean Rybka*

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**Jean M Rybka** - August 12, 2020 at 11:13 AM

TG

“ I am very sorry about Pete's passing. As an attorney of 44 years myself, and knowing Pete all of this time, and starting my practice in Bedford Township where Pete practiced his whole career, it is especially difficult to comprehend his loss. Further, as a Green Hills boy who grew up there, and whose parents lived there for over 35 years, I appreciated all of the help and time Pete gave to Green Hills.-----Tom Graham.

Tom Graham - August 12, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Peter Michael Zaums.



August 12, 2020 at 09:52 AM

N(

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers to the whole Zaum family.

Nikki Baltatzis (Stewart) - August 12, 2020 at 08:44 AM

KB

“ I knew Peter, and he was a good man, he has a lovely family and shall miss him greatly.

Kulwant S Boora - August 11, 2020 at 09:32 PM

ML

“ *Delores and I are so sorry to hear about Pete’s passing. He was an excellent attorney and a true gentleman. He was the kind of friend that we all should strive to be. I fondly remember my last time with Pete at the Bar Association golf outing. We had a great time talking about old times in the law business. We send our prayers and sincere condolences to Mary and his family.*

*Mike and Delores LaBeau*

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**Michael LaBeau** - August 11, 2020 at 09:26 PM

TJ

“ *My condolences to Jenn, Howie, Chrissie and all members of his family. He was a kind man I met at the SVDP annual fundraising dinner. All members were grateful for his help. May God grant him eternal life.*

*Teri*

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**Theresa Joyce** - August 11, 2020 at 07:36 PM

RJ

“ *Mary Lou and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Pete was such an awesome person. He helped so many. He was a great counselor and helped me through some tough times. I pray that God will help you find peace. He will be missed by many.*

*Rob Johnson*

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**Rob Johnson** - August 11, 2020 at 06:58 PM

DN

“ Mrs. Zaums and family,  
So sorry for your loss! My prayers are with you! May you feel God's  
loving arms around you!  
Sincerely,  
Debbie (Varner) Needles and Family

Debbie (Varner) Needles - August 11, 2020 at 06:11 PM

SM

“ Saying Prayers for Pete and his family. True professional and the  
gold standard for what a lawyer should be. Had several cases with  
Pete over the years. Never a doubt about his integrity and ability as  
a lawyer. He will be missed here on Earth. God Bless

Sam Molaro - August 11, 2020 at 05:32 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Peter Michael Zaums.



August 11, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of  
Peter Michael Zaums.



August 11, 2020 at 03:06 PM

BV

“Pete and Mary have always been so giving, kind, outgoing, compassionate, and there are not enough words to describe how much goodness emanates from the entire family. When Mark talked to Pete about retiring, he said "I can still help others" and that sums up the man that Pete is. We offer boundless love and prayers in his name. Brenda and Mark Vandegrif

Brenda Vandegrif - August 11, 2020 at 01:50 PM

FV

“From Heartbeat's Board, Staff, and Volunteers purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Peter Michael Zaums.



From Heartbeat's Board, Staff, and Volunteers - August 11, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peter Michael Zaums.



August 11, 2020 at 01:34 PM

SK

“Mary Jen Mary Beth Christie I am so sorry for your loss my heart is with you guys right now forever he will be missed he was the best man I ever knew and my family loves him dearly

Sue Kopka - August 11, 2020 at 12:54 PM

SM

“ Mary Lou, I am so very sorry to hear of Pete's death. Reading his obituary, he sounds like he was a wonderful man and shared a loving life with you. I'm so happy that you all were able to share so very many years with him, but it must be awfully painful now for you and your family. Please know that I am praying for you and your family. I have no doubt that God will be with you during the months and years ahead. Take care of yourself, Mary Lou and remember how much you are loved.

Sharon Gates Moynihan

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Sharon Gates Moynihan - August 11, 2020 at 12:52 PM

CG

“ I'm so sorry for your terrible loss Mary and family! Pete was a special person! I remember him fondly from neighbor functions and times with friends. He was also a wonderful resource and attorney for our family in good times and bad. He will be missed!

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Caren Ganzert - August 11, 2020 at 12:36 PM

PL

“ Jenn, Howie, Chrissie & family,  
So sorry to hear of your loss. Pete was always a great help at our SVDP fund raiser each year. He was a great guy and we are so sorry he had to go through so much suffering over the past 8 mo. We prayed for him often. He is surely in a better place. May the angels welcome him to his heavenly home and may God give all of you the strength to get through this most trying time in your lives. We are sure that you will hold many happy memories close to your hearts.  
Our sympathy to all, may he rest in piece.  
Pat & Jim Lammers

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Pat & Jim Lammers - August 11, 2020 at 11:48 AM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



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**COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS** - August 11, 2020 at 11:25 AM

LB

“ *Mary, I am so sorry for your family's loss. My condolences and prayers.*

*Lisa (Miller) Bross*

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**Lisa Bross** - August 11, 2020 at 10:59 AM

DK

“ *Mary and family, I am so sorry for your loss, sending prayers of comfort. Deb K.*

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**Debbie L Kitzmiller** - August 11, 2020 at 10:31 AM

JL

“ Monroe County has lost a great and compassionate attorney. I as well as other members of the Bar Association are proud to have know this gentlemen. When Pete gave his word you could count on it. He was honest throughout his career and I am especially grateful for having the opportunity to have my office across the street from his. I never heard Pete say anything disrespectful about another attorney or speak harshly about one of our Judges. To say he will be missed is an understatement. My sincere condolences to his wife, Mary Lou, his daughters and grandchildren as well as other members of his family. God Bless you Pete and if you get the chance say "Hi" to Linda who is an angel like yourself.

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**John Luchansky** - August 11, 2020 at 10:01 AM

SH

“ Dear Mary and family I am so sorry for your loss. Pete was a wonderful man - quick with a smile and a laugh. He had such a calm and steady presence - even on the ice! Thinking of all of you right now. With love, Shannon Orr

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**Shannon** - August 11, 2020 at 09:52 AM

CS

“ Cindy Scholl lit a candle in memory of Peter Michael Zaums



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**Cindy Scholl** - August 11, 2020 at 09:05 AM

LJ

“ Mary Lou, Jenny, Beth, and Chrissy, God took a wonderful man from us. We are so very sorry for your tremendous loss. Our prayers are with you all. Linda and Dick Judson

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**Linda Judson** - August 11, 2020 at 08:33 AM

JG

“ Our condolences to Mary and her family on Pete's death. Our congratulations on his arrival in Glory with his Lord. He was a faith-filled man and will be missed. REP.

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**Jim Goebel** - August 11, 2020 at 08:27 AM

MR

“ Mr. Zaums! There are no words to describe how kind, generous, funny, caring, loving and faith-filled he is! I will always remember his smile, beautiful white hair, big hugs, watching him teach Sean to “drive” the boat, and his ever-faithful love of Jesus! Dance it up with the angels! I will miss you so!!

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**Melissa Ridley** - August 11, 2020 at 08:18 AM

AC

“ Mary, we will be donating two Bibles in Pete's name to the local prison ministry here in Monroe. Our prayers are with you during this most difficult time. May God strengthen you. ~Amy from Heartbeat.

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**Amy Cevora** - August 11, 2020 at 08:17 AM

JW

“ *Mary and Pete were among our first friends at the curling club, if not our very first friends. Derek and I loved their fun relationship. I think we played with Pete only a couple of times since you both played as a couple on teams (as you should). But it was always good to see you both at the club. He will be missed.*

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**Jennifer Williams** - August 11, 2020 at 08:11 AM

LS

“ *Linda Schulte lit a candle in memory of Peter Michael Zaums*



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**Linda Schulte** - August 11, 2020 at 08:10 AM

LS

*Prayers for the family at this tremendous time of loss. So very sorry for your loss.*

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**Linda Schulte** - August 11, 2020 at 08:11 AM

SD

*Jenn & Howie - I am so very sorry for your loss. My prayers to you and your entire family.*

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**Sherry Doepker** - August 11, 2020 at 08:40 AM

JJ

*We are very appreciative of our relationship with Pete over the last 25 years as our attorney and friend! He was a brilliant mind and a very caring person. We are really going to miss him!*  
*Decker Building Company- Jon Jones*

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**Jon Jones** - August 12, 2020 at 11:29 AM

JC

“ Dear Mary and family,  
I'm so sorry. Pete will be missed. His smile, his gentle confidence, and balanced yet protective nature were a blessing to so many people. I am certain you have tears, but I hope some "alleluias" as well, for certainly we praise Jesus for giving us the opportunity to know Pete and for knowing he is in His perfect care now. You have my deepest condolences. May Jesus comfort you through His peace and through the many fond memories you have made with Pete. Hugs sent, Jennifer Connelly (Heartbeat of Monroe)

Jennifer Connelly - August 11, 2020 at 08:09 AM

JM

“ Pete and Mary were one of the first members of the curling club to make me feel welcome. I have many memories of attending bonspiels and other events with them. Pete was quick with a hug, a smile and an 'atta girl! I will miss his presence on and off the ice dearly. Thinking of Mary, the girls and their families during this time. Jen & Brian Merz

Jen Merz - August 11, 2020 at 08:09 AM

HC

“ This amazing man (and his wife) gave me my very best and lifelong friend. He gave me my first job as an attorney and took the time to write me cards of encouragement during that time. He inspired me to join the St Vincent dePaul Society in my parish. It was truly beautiful how he lived his life in a way that showed his wife, children and grandchildren were second only to God. His joy and laughter was infectious. He always welcomed me, my husband and children like family. I am so blessed that he was a part of my life. I am thankful he is out of pain and at peace, but boy will I miss him.



Heather Carrier - August 11, 2020 at 08:00 AM

BB

“ *Beth, I did not know your Dad but I do know he helped to raise a wonderful daughter who creates a loving sanctuary for children. Hugs sent your way. Beth Bronsil*

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**Beth Bronsil** - August 11, 2020 at 07:55 AM



“ *Sending prayers to Pete's family. Sorry for lost of a great person, love Friends in Grand Junction co. Baxter Hayes, Steve & Jean Sullivan*

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**Jean Sullivan** - August 11, 2020 at 02:34 AM

CS

“ *Pete was well respected throughout our community. Condolences to Mary and family. May your happy memories help you through this difficult time. Cathy Stock*

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**Cathy Stock** - August 11, 2020 at 12:54 AM

KC

“ *I am so terribly sorry for you enormous loss. I think of your family often and fondly. My love goes to all of you.*

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**Kerry Sweeney Cunningham** - August 10, 2020 at 10:46 PM

AO

“ *Aggie Ochs purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Peter Michael Zaums.*



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**Aggie Ochs** - August 10, 2020 at 10:43 PM

KH

“ Jean and I want to offer our sincerest sympathy to Mary Lou and their daughters and families on the passing of Pete. We remember fondly Pete's stories/jokes while he kept a straight face and his laughs when hearing a funny story. His professional legal work, always pro bono for the Bedford Lions Club was a definite help to the club and he will be missed by so many. God's blessings to Mary and the family.

*Keith & Jean Holmes*

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**Keith Holmes** - August 10, 2020 at 10:32 PM

AA

“ Our sincere condolences Mary and family. When Hearing about Pete's condition, Lee Ann and I talked often about how he was doing. Its always a shock when you have to read his obituary. No doubt, he was one of a kind. GOD BLESS PETE!

*Al and Lee Ann*

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**Al and Lee Ann** - August 10, 2020 at 10:12 PM

CJ

“ Pete epitomized the concept of being a pillar of the community. His many kindnesses will be sorely missed. -Colleen Jan

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**Colleen Jan** - August 10, 2020 at 10:04 PM

KZ

“ My husband, Jim and I had the privilege of getting to know Pete the last couple years in our " Church Gang" and it was an absolute pleasure to know him. He was a pure class act, humble, intelligent, devout in his faith, good husband, Father and friend, truly inspiring and an impeccable role model. He will be so greatly missed. May God comfort you in this loss. Heaven definitely gained an Angel! Love, Kelly and Jim Etts.



Kelly Zeileretts - August 10, 2020 at 09:58 PM

RK

“ A wonderful man, a gentle soul.



Rick Kessler - August 10, 2020 at 09:37 PM



“ Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of Peter Michael Zaums.



August 10, 2020 at 06:28 PM