



Brantley Franklin Keeney

March 22, 1937 - August 7, 2021

With regret and love, we announce the passing of our husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and cousin, Brantley Franklin (Peter) Keeney, longtime resident of Easton, MD on Saturday, August 7, 2021.

Peter was born March 22, 1937 near Woodsboro, MD, the first child of Richard Brantly and Lillie Marie Ray Keeney. He was born in the house where three previous generations of Keeneys had lived.

After graduating from Frederick High School in 1955, he took a job with the State Roads Commission and went to work in Frostburg, MD where he met his beloved wife, Betty M. Stott. They were married at Grace Rocky Hill Lutheran Church, also near Woodsboro in 1959, and had four children: Kimberly Sue, Richard Brantly II (Anna Maria), Peter Joe Ray, and Aaron Patrick (Ann). He also had one precious granddaughter, Pyper Alexis, and a cherished great-grandson, Jaxson Brantly, all residents of The Eastern Shore.

Peter had one brother, Joseph A. Keeney (deceased), and three sisters: Rose Marie Martin in Boyds, MD, Linda Ruth Biddinger (deceased), and Mary Jane Jacobs in Emmitsburg, MD.

Early in life, Peter was an avid athlete who loved most all sports, especially soccer and baseball. He grew up playing lots of pick-up games of all kinds,

including softball, basketball, horseshoes, shot put, and football. He encouraged his children to participate in sports and tried never to miss a family member's sports event! In many cases, he was the Coach or Team Manager. Believing in sports and the value of all youth having access to play sports and participate in recreation, "Mr. Pete" advocated for the establishment of the Talbot County Parks & Recreation Board and served as one of its first members.

In addition to his care that all youth have access to the county's sporting and recreational assets, Peter himself played softball for a number of years on Talbot County Men's Softball Teams, served as President of Trappe Lions Club supporting numerous community events during the time he and his young family resided there, and was a full time real estate agent helping many to find and purchase their first home.

Most of all, Peter was a man of faith who quietly attended Immanuel Lutheran Church, Easton, MD where he and his wife Betty brought their children in the summer of 1971, became members, and saw to each of their children's confirmation in the church. At Immanuel, Peter also served a term as congregation president and a number of years as a church elder (a position that, he wrote in a note to his mother, was "one of the proudest moments of my life").

Final arrangements will be 4-6 pm Friday, August 13, Visitation with Peter's Family at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam (FHN) Funeral Home in Easton, MD to be followed at 6 pm with a brief Praise & Prayer Service lead by Peter's Pastor, James Kreft, also to be held at FHN. All are welcome to stay and join Peter's Family.

Then at 12 noon on Saturday, August 14, a Graveside Service & Burial will be held at Grace Rocky Hill Lutheran Church, near Woodsboro, MD. The service

will be led by his youngest son, Aaron Keeney, and his first nephew, Kris Nevin. Rocky Hill's Pastor Ron Brown will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to please make a donation to Talbot Interfaith Shelter, 107 Goldsborough Street, Easton, MD 21601 or do an act of kindness for someone else in need today.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home
200 S. Harrison Street
EASTON
EASTON, MD 21601

Service

AUG 13. 6:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home
200 S. Harrison Street
EASTON
EASTON, MD 21601

Graveside Service

AUG 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

Rocky Hill Church Cemetery
110828 Coppermine Rd.
Woodsboro, MD 21798

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Brantley Franklin Keeney*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 11, 2021 at 01:20 PM



Beautiful 🥰💙

Chris Whitmore - August 26, 2021 at 08:31 PM



“ *Brantley Franklin Keeney*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Brantley Franklin Keeney*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Brantley Franklin Keeney*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Constance LaBrush (cousin) lit a candle in memory of Brantley Franklin Keeney*



Constance LaBrush (cousin) - August 13, 2021 at 11:16 PM



From Bing, Connie, and Donnie

Connie, Donnie and Bing Keeney (cousins) - August 13, 2021 at 11:23 PM



Bing, Connie and Donnie (cousins)

Connie, Donnie and Bing Keeney (cousins) - August 13, 2021 at 11:25 PM

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“ Peter was our cousin, that is Bing, Connie and Donnie's. He and Bing were very close, born only 5 months apart across the road from each other. Our Dad was Truman, Peter's Uncle, and our Mom, Ann, Peter's Aunt. We spent many a Sunday as I remember at Aunt Grace and Uncle Willie's across the road from Aunt Marie's and Uncle Brantley's. I was young, but remember the big kids playing ball on the diamond at the home place. That was our Dad's home growing up where he helped on the saw mill, and where picnics were held. There was always food cooking and people being fed and what seemed like hundreds of kids running around. I especially remember drawing water from the well outside their house.

Peter's handsome smile and friendly demeanor will always be my fondest memory of him, right up until the last reunion and "Strawberry Festivals" at Rocky Hill church. Betty has stayed in touch with me especially these past few years with cards and pictures I so much appreciated. I've always loved being a part of the Keeney family.

I know Peter is resting in heaven peacefully with all the Keeney's before him, but he surely will be missed. ❤️

Connie Keeney LaBrush

Constance LaBrush (cousin) - August 13, 2021 at 11:09 PM

LS

“ So sorry for your loss. Great memories of baseball and football in Trappe. Sorry unable to come to the service. Lots of love to all.
Leona Schmidt.



Leona. Schmidt - August 13, 2021 at 03:20 PM

LW

“ *Lorraine Conover And Raymond Wallace lit a candle in memory of Brantley Franklin Keeney*



Lorraine conover and Raymond Wallace - August 12, 2021 at 11:41 PM



“ *Sally Ewer lit a candle in memory of Brantley Franklin Keeney*



Sally Ewer - August 12, 2021 at 08:58 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brantley Franklin Keeney.*



August 12, 2021 at 08:49 PM

CL

“ *Carolyn Lane lit a candle in memory of Brantley Franklin Keeney*



Carolyn Lane - August 12, 2021 at 05:35 PM

LK

“ *Lois King lit a candle in memory of Brantley Franklin Keeney*



Lois King - August 12, 2021 at 04:01 PM

BH

“ *Richard, Anna-Maria, Ms. Betty and family. I was sad to see that Mr. Pete had passed away. Back in 1978 he was our realtor and helped us to find a lot so we could put up a Nanticoke home. Parke and I would see Mr. Pete from time to time through the years especially at Hardees it seemed with Ms. Betty and he was always so glad to see us and wanted to know how we were doing. He was a true gentleman with a wonderful personality and a great smile. I send my condolences to his family and will keep you in my thoughts and prayers for the days ahead*



Beverly S Hahn - August 11, 2021 at 08:00 PM

DR

“ *Donna Ray lit a candle in memory of Brantley Franklin Keeney*



Donna Ray - August 11, 2021 at 05:47 PM

KC

“ Mrs. Betty, Aaron and the rest of the family...So sorry to hear of Pete's passing. He was truly a great guy with a smile on his face at all times. I enjoyed working with him over the years in real estate. He will be missed. I'm sorry I won't be able to attend the services Friday night to express my condolences in person. Please know I'm sending prayers and hugs.



Karen A. Callahan

Karen A. Callahan - August 11, 2021 at 09:27 AM

AN

“ ANNBUTLER lit a candle in memory of Brantley Franklin Keeney



ANNBUTLER - August 11, 2021 at 09:11 AM

DC

“ Darrin And Lisa Carroll lit a candle in memory of Brantley Franklin Keeney



Darrin and Lisa Carroll - August 10, 2021 at 03:54 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Brantley Franklin Keeney.*



August 10, 2021 at 02:49 PM



“ *Betty and Family. We are deeply saddened by the loss that you and your family have encountered. Our thoughts, prayers and well-wishes go out to all during this sad time in your lives. It was my honor to have know Peter and all of the Keeney's. You may be gone but will live on in memories. Rest in Peace my Friend until.....*



Johnny & Donna Ray

Johnny Ray - August 10, 2021 at 02:38 PM



“ *You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*



Frank N Joan Gannon - August 10, 2021 at 10:53 AM

JC

“ *My condolences to the Keeney family. Our families have been friends since the 70's. I'll always remember the friendship Mr. Pete and my father had. Always laughs to be had. He always had a smile and kind words. My love to all.*



Jacki Kirwan Carels - August 10, 2021 at 10:16 AM

PF

“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Brantley Franklin Keeney*



Phil Foster - August 10, 2021 at 06:51 AM

JC

“ *To Mr. Pete's loving wife, Betty, and Kimberly, Aaron, Richard and their loved ones-- Sending you prayers for God's peace and comfort in the blessings of Pete's memory. Only a good man and a gentleman could help to raise such a fine family. My life was enriched by having known him...and you all.*



Jim Chance - August 10, 2021 at 06:32 AM