



Pete Helsel

May 23, 1945 - April 25, 2017

Richard Paul “Pete” Helsel of Centreville, MD passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, April 25, 2016. He was 71.

Born on May 23, 1945, in Roaring Springs, PA, the son of the late Orville and Betty Walter Helsel, he graduated from Greenfield Kimal High School, class of 1963. He was also very active in FFA during his high school years, becoming FFA president in senior year. Pete began working for Champion Mobile Homes in Claysburg and later transferred to California. In 1965 he returned to Pennsylvania and began a career in restaurant/ hotel management, eventually moving to MD to work for a Holiday Inn property in Laurel, MD. Pete continued his career in Maryland managing 2 Holiday Inns until by chance he responded to a friend's request to "fill in" as bartender on St Patrick's day which began a 40 year career at Timbuktu Restaurant in Hanover, MD where he became an "Institution", and was known affectionately as “Mr. Pete” by the staff and customers.

Pete is survived by his wife, Sharon Helsel of Centreville, MD; son Jimmy Helsel (Angie) of Pasadena, MD; grandsons Jimmy Helsel, Jr., and Zachary Helsel. In addition to his parents, Pete was predeceased by his first wife Diana Helsel after 29 years of marriage; and his son Richard “Rick” Helsel in 1996.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 2 from 3 – 6:30 pm at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Centreville, MD. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Dr., Centreville, MD 21617.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Centreville Location
408 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617
(410) 758-1151
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Pete Hesel*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - May 01, 2017 at 09:01 AM



“ *Pete Hesel*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Pete Hesel*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Pete Hesel*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Dan and Jo purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Pete Hesel.*



Dan and Jo - May 01, 2017 at 09:35 AM

LJ

“ Love, your friends Maggie and Joe purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Pete Helsel.



Love, your friends Maggie and Joe - April 30, 2017 at 10:45 AM

CH

“ Pete made me wear his camo jacket and hat and hold his riffle and pose for a picture with 2 ducks or geese that he had shot that day! He was a great friend and neighbor and we will truly miss him.

Carolyn Harty - April 28, 2017 at 08:19 AM

LJ

“ Lisa, Lauren, Ian, Claire and Jaiden purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Pete Helsel.



Lisa, Lauren, Ian, Claire and Jaiden - April 27, 2017 at 06:30 PM

VL

“ We loved Pete and was proud he was part of our family for such a long time. He was lucky enough to find another family who loved him just as much...thank you Sharon for taking such good care of him and making him happy in these past years.



Jim & Vicky Lake

Vicky Lake - April 27, 2017 at 11:17 AM

MF

Pete enjoyed life . We always enjoyed his and Sharon company!

maggie and Joe Feilern - April 30, 2017 at 09:29 AM

KB

I haven't known Pete for very long but I felt like a good friend from the moment we met. A great guy and fellow Steeler fan, he is missed. Love you Sharon, Pete is with you always!

Karen Barnes - May 02, 2017 at 09:59 AM