



Peter Gregory Kunkel

December 26, 1950 - September 28, 2022

Peter Gregory Kunkel of Chestertown, MD, died peacefully on September 28, 2022, at his home. He was 71. He finished life much how he finished each one of his 30 marathons: strong and with passion.

He was born in Rockville Centre, NY, on December 26, 1950, the son of the late Gregory Peter and Marguerite Griffin Kunkel. He was a 1969 graduate of Southside High School in Rockville Centre and a 1973 graduate of Hofstra University. On March 9, 1974, he married Elise Pesce. They made their home in Rockville Centre, where he was a member of St. Agnes Cathedral and was a past Captain with Reliance Hose Co. No. 3 of the Rockville Centre Fire Department.

Pete began his career in 1973 at Mutual of New York in the Group Insurance department. He rose through the ranks in the financial services industry, retiring in 2015 as President and CEO of Transamerica Retirement Solutions, Inc.

Pete cared deeply for his co-workers and their families. His colleagues always stood impressed by Pete's humility and appreciation for his team of co-workers and employees. He created a culture in which people cared deeply for each other and the clients they served. Although Pete retired in 2015, many of his work associates continued to rely on him for sound advice, which

he was more than willing to provide. Pete was an avid marathon runner who loved the Yankees, and had a fondness for animals, dessert, and well-cut grass, but his true hobby was his family, especially his grandchildren.

In addition to his wife of 48 years, he is survived by two daughters, Christine Elise Chisolm (Christopher) of Centreville, MD, and Ellis Luisa Quinn (Megan) of Wyoming; along with his grandchildren, Kayla, Kelsie, and Corban.

Services will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road in Chestertown where relatives and friends may call from 10 – 11 a.m. The family will be receiving visitors at their home following the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Compass Regional Hospice at 160 Coursevall Dr, Centreville, MD 21617.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Service

OCT **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Peter Gregory Kunkel*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 13, 2022 at 01:02 PM



“ *Peter Gregory Kunkel*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Peter Gregory Kunkel*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Peter Gregory Kunkel*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



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Rob Vetere - October 13, 2022 at 10:26 PM



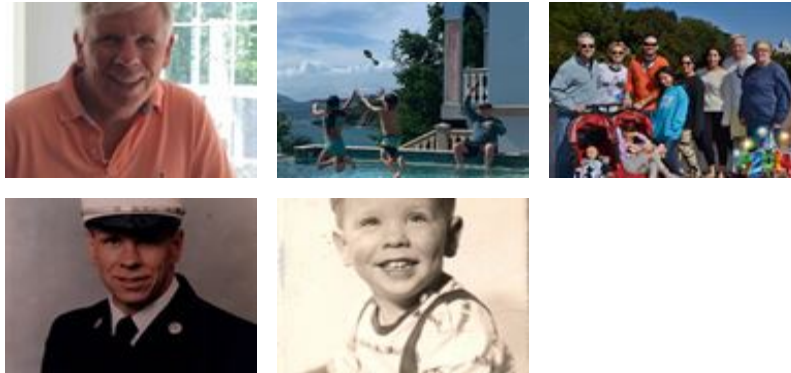
“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Peter Gregory Kunkel.*



October 13, 2022 at 10:04 PM



“ *110 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 13, 2022 at 01:01 PM

BW

Peter was a great neighbor. Deepest sympathy to Elise and family. Bob and Pat Williams

Bob Williams - October 13, 2022 at 09:39 PM

KS

“ I feel very fortunate to have grown up with Peter as my friend in Rockville Centre, N.Y. In addition to going to South Side High School together, we spent alot of hours playing stickball, Babe Ruth baseball and bowling.

I remember talking to Peter toward the very end of High School and him telling me how determined he was to make something of himself, starting with going to Hofstra. He certainly followed thru on that and lived a remarkable life.

Rest in Peace.



Kenny Schnabel - October 11, 2022 at 10:18 PM

BB

“ Godspeed my friend. Our time together was way too brief.

Brian & Meg Barrett - October 09, 2022 at 11:26 AM

AN

“ Anna lit a candle in memory of Peter Gregory Kunkel



Anna - October 07, 2022 at 12:44 PM



“ He was a good and kind man. A wonderful family man !
Why can't the good ones stay here longer ? 💔🙏

Doris Moore - October 07, 2022 at 09:51 AM

BF

“ *Thinking of you.*



Betta Fraccaroli - October 03, 2022 at 02:12 PM