



Ralph C. "Pete" Gerdom Jr.

January 19, 1944 - August 18, 2020

Ralph C. Gerdom, Jr., "Pete," was born in Havre de Grace, MD, on January 19, 1944.

Pete grew up in Aberdeen, MD. He attended the University of Maryland and studied engineering. After leaving college, he joined the Army and became an instructor in the Signal Corp located at Fort Monmouth, NJ, where he taught weather. After his discharge from the Army, Pete began working in construction where he found his calling. He loved working on building projects and took great pride in doing the job right. Gardening was his favorite thing to do after work hours. As soon as he retired, Pete became a Master Gardener and was an active member until his illness forced him to stop. As his Parkinson's Disease started to interfere with his physical abilities, he found creative ways to use his gardening tools. He never gave up pulling weeds and planting seeds.

Pete was preceded in death by his father, Ralph C. Gerdom; his mother, Margaret Gerdom; and his sister, Ruth Ann Larkin.

Pete met his wife, Elsie, while working on a construction project. They were married in 1998 and enjoyed every minute of their time together. They loved to take "road trips", where they never got lost-only saw new places. In 2002, Pete and Elsie met a young lady who would become the daughter they never

had. Sandra Hummer has brought many moments of happiness to them, including delivering her husband, Robert and her little girl, Olivia, on Pete's birthday. His best birthday present ever!

Pete was active in St Paul's Episcopal Church, Centreville. He served on the Vestry and as Junior Warden.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, from 12:00 – 2:00 pm at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 408 South Liberty Street, Centreville, MD, 21617. Service will be held at 3:00 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Centreville, MD. Graveside will follow after the service at Chesterfield Cemetery, Centreville, MD.

If you would like to make a donation, it may be made to Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Courseval Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

Cemetery Details

Chesterfield Cemetery

406 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 25. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
408 S. Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617

Service

AUG 25. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
301 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD

Burial

AUG 25 (ET)

Chesterfield Cemetery
406 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph C. "Pete" Gerdom Jr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 25, 2020 at 10:44 AM



What a sweet tribute, Elsie, ya'll will ALWAYS be the Dream Team. Love you.

Lisa Lewis - September 12, 2020 at 08:37 AM



“ *Ralph C. "Pete" Gerdom Jr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Ralph C. "Pete" Gerdom Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Ralph C. "Pete" Gerdom Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

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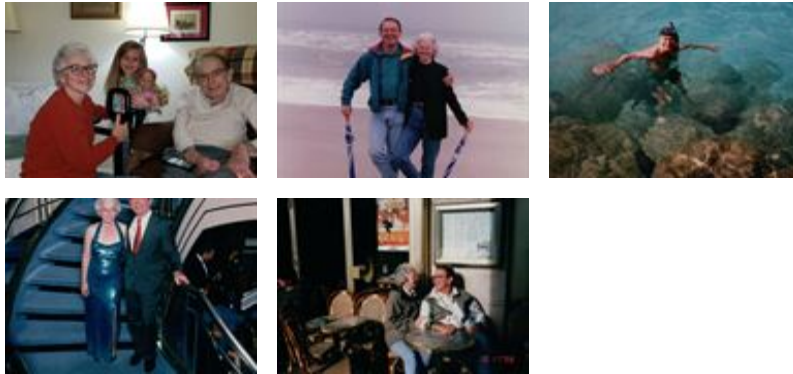
“ Miss Elsie I am so very sorry to hear of Mr. Pete's passing I always loved talking with him
Thinking of you

Linda Horsman

Linda Horsman - August 25, 2020 at 03:03 PM



“ 124 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 25, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph C. "Pete" Gerdom Jr..



August 24, 2020 at 10:49 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph C. "Pete" Gerdom Jr..*



August 22, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ *Love, The Weiss Family purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Ralph C. "Pete" Gerdom Jr..*



Love, The Weiss Family - August 22, 2020 at 02:23 PM



“ *Amy, Chuck, and Your Friends at ASG. purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Ralph C. "Pete" Gerdom Jr..*



Amy, Chuck, and Your Friends at ASG. - August 21, 2020 at 02:45 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. I worked with Pete at Willow Construction for 6 years. He was always kind and a joy to talk to. He will be truly missed.*

Carol Wunch - August 21, 2020 at 12:39 PM

AW

Pete will definitely be missed. He was very special to our family. He was one of a kind, very talented and fun to be with. We will always love Pete and will miss him until we are all together again. He and Elsie had a very loving relationship. God bless you Elsie, always remember the good times. We love you. Albert Lannis & Barbara

Albert watson - August 21, 2020 at 03:18 PM

LW

*Pete was such a big part of my childhood!! I will miss him very much. He fought a long hard fight. I know it was so hard because he had been such an active vibrant person. I pray that he will rest in peace. God bless you Elsie for being such a great life partner.
Lisa Weiss*

Lisa Weiss - August 22, 2020 at 01:56 PM

LA

Pete and I bonded during the renovation of St. Paul's Church and my wife and I got to know him and his lovely wife Elsie. I will really miss the good times we had together. May Pete rest peacefully knowing his life on earth was a fulfilling one.

Lou and Carolyn Armstrong - August 28, 2020 at 10:50 AM