



Peter Visserman

March 31, 1932 - June 13, 2020

Peter Visserman, age 88, of Apex, North Carolina, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 13, 2020 at Spring Arbor of Apex, after a long struggle with Alzheimers Disease.

Peter was born on a ship in Friesland, the Netherlands, on March 31, 1932, the youngest of seven children. He grew up on his father's ship which hauled cargo from city to city on the canals of Holland. He was eight years old when World War II started and lived under Nazi occupation until he was thirteen. His schooling was sporadic, but he was able to graduate from high school after the war was over. After graduation he emigrated to the United States where he lived with relatives.

In 1952, he entered into the United States Air Force where he served for four years. On September 11, 1953, he married Marilyn Kunst, whom he had met earlier in Grand Rapids. In 1961 he graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in Electrical Engineering. Peter worked at Bell Telephone Laboratories for twenty-five years. During this time he earned his Masters Electrical Engineering and his law degree from John Marshall Law School, then worked as a patent attorney.

After leaving Bell Telephone he worked for two different law firms before retiring at age 72. Peter loved spending time near the water, especially sailing, water skiing, and taking his children and grandchildren out in the speedboat. He also enjoyed travelling, and faithfully served in his local church for most of his life.

Peter was preceded in death by his parents Sierd and Folkje Visserman, by five of his siblings; Sierd, Agnes, Hielke, Betsy, Minze; his father- and mother-in-law, Jack and Christine Kunst, son-in-law Bruce Gregersen, and granddaughter Emily Gregersen. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Marilyn; brother Jouw Visserman; daughter Kristie (Randy) Douglass; daughter Sharon Gregersen; Angela (Gene) Cernilli; and son Steve Visserman. He is also survived by ten grandchildren: Sarah (Kade) Benson; Laura (Kellett) Arnold; Elise (Nick) Martin; Josh (Lauren) Visserman, Michael Cernilli; Michelle Gregersen; Cole Visserman; Daniel Gregersen; Kristin Cernilli, and Justin Visserman; ten

great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall

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“ *To the family of Peter Visserman, my sincerest condolences. I worked with Peter all through the 1990'a at Varnum within the Intellectual Property Group. He was very sharp and I enjoyed his stories of the Netherlands. He was very kind to me as well.*

Matthew Cushman - November 01, 2022 at 05:36 PM

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“ *I remember Uncle Pete has a hard working guy, always in the background providing for his family. He was a man of reason and had a good perspective of things. He had a kind and reassuring voice. I will miss you Uncle Pete.*

Jack Kunst - June 23, 2020 at 09:40 AM

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“ *We send Our Deepest Sympathy
We pray for you and hope for you
Happy Memories of Beautiful Moments*

Mellie and Bob and Emma

Carmela - June 19, 2020 at 12:58 PM

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“ *Praying that you all will be comforted in this time of loss with the hope we have in Christ of seeing our loved ones again.
“Heaven will be a place of joyous reunion with all those who have gone to heaven before us.”
Billy Graham
Love and prayers*

Jean - June 18, 2020 at 05:19 PM

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“ *Sending my condolences. So sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family. Donna Brunsink*

Donna Brunsink - June 18, 2020 at 10:27 AM