



Peter C. Pomerrenke

February 20, 1945 - February 14, 2021

Wyandotte County and the surrounding community of Kansas City, Kansas has lost a pillar. Peter C. Pomerrenke, 75, of Camdenton, Missouri, passed away in the comfort of his lake home on February 14, 2021. Pete was born on February 20, 1945, the son of Bill and Jean Pomerrenke.

Pete was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, and grew up in Kansas City, Kansas. He attended Washington High School and obtained his college degree from Rockhurst University. In his younger adult life, Pete was in the Navy as a medical technician and served honorably at the Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland. After his time in Maryland, Pete returned to Kansas City, started his family, and began his mission for public service in his community. He was a President and an active contributor on the KCK School Board and a founder of Wyandotte House (now Kaw Valley Center). Pete was a long-time member of Welborn Community Church and a devout member of Victory Hills Golf Club. Pete spent his professional career selling insurance and building meaningful relationships with commercial truck drivers.

Pete lived life to the fullest, always encouraging people to “count their blessings” and find joy in the small moments. He was fond of his doughnuts, lemon drops, and Sunkist Lemonade. He loved automobiles and had quite a collection of classic model cars. He often had more cars than drivers in his driveway. He enjoyed music just as his father did. He shared his voice at weddings, funerals, and in the church choir. He would often just sit in awe and listen to music. Aside from his loving family, Pete’s choice for “man’s best friend” was a Boxer dog. He had several over his lifetime, including a sweet baby puppy that he was able to put in his arms for the first time on his final day. Pete was a golfer. He would say, “A bad day of golf is better than a good day at work.” He was an old soul. He loved reruns of Andy Griffith and old westerns. Pete was no ordinary Grandfather. He had a special relationship with each grandchild and was regularly involved in each of their lives. He had the ability to make each of them feel like they were the number one grandchild. Pete loved the water and enjoyed owning a home and boat at the Lake of the Ozarks. Pete’s greatest gift was to listen and offer simple, genuine advice. He was a trusted comfort to lean on for all who knew him.

Barbara Pomerrenke was the love of his life in marriage for over 30 years. They made a

great team. Together, they raised and fed a big family. They loved going out for dinner and sitting on their deck at the lake watching the boats go by with his Barbara Mae. They were each other's purpose. She was his rock; he struck gold.

Pete is preceded in death by both of his parents, Bill and Jean. He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara Mae (Myers) Pomerence; sons Chad (Kristen) Pomerence and Neil (Kari) Pomerence; daughters Dana (Marc) Lemke and Sara (Brent) Smitko; stepdaughters Denise (Brad) Barber, Sherry (Jim) Walsh, and Marla (John) Michaels; sisters Gretchen, Susan, and Peggy; 17 grandchildren: Drew, Devin, Macy, Corbin, Mckenzie, Parker, Riley, Dawson, Logan, Lauren, Aeby (Dustin), Olivia, Brett, Whitney, Grace, Dylan, and Marianne; and one great-grandson: Adrian.

Pete's family loved him dearly and will miss him with all their hearts and souls. The Lord took him to his Kingdom for eternity.

Pete will be laid to rest at Maple Hill Funeral Home & Cemetery (3300 Shawnee Dr, Kansas City, KS 66106) on Monday, February 22nd, 2021. Visitation is closed for immediate family. Graveside service will be at 3:00 pm and all are welcomed.

In lieu of flowers, there are two charitable organizations that Pete had a passion for. The Olathe South High School Band chapter of United Sound (an organization whose mission is to provide musical performance for students with special needs through peer mentorship - in honor of Pete's grandson, Devin Lemke) and Kaw Valley Community Center (an organization that cares for children and families in crisis - Pete was a founding member and was awarded as a "Hero" of the organization).

Donations in Pete Pomerence's name to either or both of these organizations would be appreciated:

Olathe South High School Band United Sound

<http://www.osbands.org/osunitedsound.html>

Kaw Valley Community Center www.kvc.org <https://kansas.kvc.org/donate/>

Cemetery

Maple Hill Cemetery
2301 S. 34th St.
Kansas City, KS, 66106

Events

FEB 22 **Graveside Service with Military Honors** 03:00PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - February 19 at 03:43 PM



“ What a wonderful tribute, your upstairs neighbors at the Lake, Bill and Carol Blasberg
CAROL BLASBERG - February 20 at 11:50 AM



“ The Kaster family sends our thoughts and prayers to the family. Pete was a friend and a tall man with a great singing voice. With all the cars he had, I think I remember him having a small version of the Buick Rivera.

Carl Kaster - March 09 at 09:42 PM



“ Dear Barb, Mike and I are very sad to hear the news of Pete's passing. We enjoyed our monthly dinners at the Marquee or Turn Two and we Thank God for our memories with Pete, and you , Don and Lucy.

We will continue his work through KVC. The memories with his family will always remain in their hearts.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Pete O Lord, and let the Perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

In sympathy and prayer,
Mike and Sandy

Sandy and Mike Cannon - February 21 at 11:30 PM



“ 92 files added to the album LifeTributes



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - February 19 at 03:38 PM



“ Dear Dana and Family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. I know he held a very special place in your hearts. It's so difficult to lose a parent. God Bless all of you.
Judy Warner

Judy Lynne Warner - February 19 at 03:21 PM



“ To Gretchen, Susan, Peggy and all the family, we, Ann and Jim Roberts wish to offer our sincerest condolences on the death of Pete. I worked with your dad, Bill, at Jackson and Scherer. We were invited to many great meals and got to know you very well. I still remember our last visit to them at Bella Vista. Pete and your parents will be remembered in our prayers.

Jim and Ann Roberts - February 19 at 10:40 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Pete's passing. His daughter Sara and I were friends when were young (very young!) and I have wonderful memories of spending time at their house, and what a wonderful dad he was. I have not seen him in over 30 years but thinking back to the years of running around Normandy West and many years growing up - he was always there with a smile and laughing about something. I am so sorry for your loss and hated to hear this.
Amy (Groneman) Winterscheid

Amy Winterscheid - February 19 at 09:59 AM



“ Jason Hooper, President & CEO KVC Health Systems purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Peter C. Pomeranke.



Jason Hooper, President & CEO KVC Health Systems - February 18 at 07:00 PM



“ I'm still in disbelief that my big brother is gone. I have wonderful memories as a child, he worked at the Standard Oil station down the street. I loved to come visit him there, and get a gum ball. He helped me learn how to drive, and trusted me driving his car when my parents weren't so sure. We had our troubles as adults, but I am so glad that for the past several summers, we met for lunch, just he and me, catching up and laughing about memories.
Peggy Pomeranke Boyer

Peggy Boyer - February 18 at 06:13 PM



“ Barbara and Family,
Kiva and I are so saddened by Pete's Passing. He was a Wonderful man who loved his Family so Much. It was my honor to have worked with him for the past 8 years at Truck Insurance Mart. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you. He will be so dearly missed.
Kiva and Linda Dye



Linda Dye - February 18 at 05:08 PM