



Peter Hemington Kemp

October 13, 1934 - November 29, 2021

Peter Hemington Kemp, Sr., 87, passed away Monday, November 29, 2021 at home near 7-Springs in Champion, PA after complications due to pneumonia. He lived more years than expected, given his first heart attack occurred when he was 37 years old. Part of this reason is his unconditional love for his grandchildren and great grandchildren, which was encouraged and facilitated by his second wife, Jane. He was a great support to his family at the end, and that will never be forgotten.

He was born October 13, 1934 to Carol Virginia Hemington and Edward Locke Kemp, Sr. in Pgh PA. The family lived in the tenth ward of McKeesport and later moved to West Mifflin to a house still owned by the family. Peter graduated in 1952 from McKeesport Sr. High School then majored in mathematics at Bethany College. He loved his college experience and still claims they were the best years of his life. He married his college sweetheart, Barbara Mullaney (Bobbi), in 1957 upon her graduation from Bethany. He's maintained life-long friendships with several of his fraternity brothers from Beta Theta Pi. He participated in ROTC and after graduation, attended Officer Candidate School and entered the Navy in December 1956. He achieved the rank of LTJG on the USS Holder and recently enjoyed reconnecting with former shipmates at various Holder reunions.

After naval service he worked as an engineer at Honeywell in Philadelphia

where his first two children were born. He moved back to McKeesport in 1964 to join his brother and father in the family HVAC business, E. L. Kemp, Co. He purchased a house in White Oak and took his young family to live there upon the birth of his youngest son in 1965.

He participated in multiple organizations: The Jaycees, Kiwanis Club, the Masons, he served on the board of directors of the McKeesport YMCA, the McKeesport Salvation Army, and Butler's Golf Course. He was the president of the McKeesport Area School Board during the late 1960s and was instrumental in developing the plan for desegregation, which included the creation of an inner-city Model School, where his wife taught and his children attended elementary school. An avid Steeler fan, he held season tickets from 1964 and the family still holds them today.

After being predeceased by his first wife, Bobbi, in 2003, he met and eventually married Jane Dively in 2011, who is affectionately known as Great Jane by the great grandchildren. They have spent their married life in residence outside 7-Springs and in Juno Beach, Fl. Peter spent the retired years of his life building onto his mountain house, and then voraciously writing his memoirs and his philosophy of life as well as researching the family's ancestry.

He was predeceased by his brother, Ted, three years ago, and is survived by his wife, Jane Dively (Champion) and sister, Carol Nill of White Oak. He is also survived by his three children, Virginia "Ginny" Kemp of Peterborough, NH, Peter Jr., "Mike" (Lisa) of Greensburg, PA, and Wally (Lora) of Gilbert, SC as well as his nine grandchildren: Jessica Piekielek (Dillon), Michael Piekielek, Kal Kemp, Evan Kemp, Lindsey Cattano (David), Brad Kemp, Jason Frank, Brandon Kemp, and Jenna Kemp and his great-grandchildren: Ella, Noah, and Scarlett.

Visitation hours will be held at Mark C. Brooks Funeral Home in Melcroft, PA on Thursday, December from 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 PM., with a Memorial Service held at the funeral home at 11:00 AM on Friday, December 3 with visitation offered one hour prior. Donations may be made to The Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at the University of Pittsburgh (<https://www.adrc.pitt.edu/volunteer/donate/>). Peter participated in their memory studies from 1988 through the time of his death. To send a message or leave condolences please visit our website at www.brooksfhmelcroft.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Mark C. Brooks Funeral Home, Inc.
146 Municipal Building Rd
Melcroft, PA 15462
(724) 455-2310
<https://www.brooksfhmelcroft.com>

Visitation

DEC 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

DEC 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Peter Hemington Kemp*

October 02, 2023 at 08:23 PM



“ *Dear Jane and family,*

*Remembering the occasions we had to be with you
and Pete to enjoy life moments. We extend our sympathy,
and honor his service.*

*Very sincerely,
Ed & Cheryl Werle
Jones Mills, PA*

Ed & Cheryl Werle - December 05, 2021 at 07:20 AM



“ *IN SYMPATHY*

*“In our thoughts and cherished memories, our loved ones are
always with us.”*

*May the healing hand of time help to ease your sorrow, and may
your precious
memories help brighten each tomorrow.*

Barb & Harry Miller

Barbara Miller - December 02, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peter Hemington Kemp.*



December 02, 2021 at 02:45 PM



“ *My condolences to the entire family. I still cherish the memories of those days in New Hampshire at Thanksgiving in 2009 with the Kemp and the Frank family.*

Samira Müller - December 02, 2021 at 02:36 PM



“ *My condolences to Jane, Ginny, Jason, and the entire Kemp family. Pete and Jane welcomed us into their home and made us feel like family. Rose and I will always cherish those memories.*

David Frank - December 02, 2021 at 09:53 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Henry Sipple - December 02, 2021 at 09:27 AM

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We are so glad that Peter and Jane Kemp were at the reunion in Warwick RI this last Sept. We send our deepest sympathy to his family in their loss as we are of one of our shipmates. We pray 🙏 that he will RIP and sail the seas forever. Henry and Betty Ann Sipple

Henry Sipple - December 02, 2021 at 09:31 AM

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“ Chris, Theresa, Kelsey and Ryan Parkhill purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Peter Hemington Kemp.



Chris, Theresa, Kelsey and Ryan Parkhill - December 02, 2021 at 09:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peter Hemington Kemp.



December 02, 2021 at 09:13 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Peter Hemington Kemp.



December 02, 2021 at 07:16 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Peter Hemington Kemp.*



December 01, 2021 at 06:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Peter Hemington Kemp.*



December 01, 2021 at 06:16 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Peter Hemington Kemp.*



December 01, 2021 at 05:17 PM



“ *Paul & Debbi purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Peter Hemington Kemp.*



Paul & Debbi - December 01, 2021 at 02:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peter Hemington Kemp.*



December 01, 2021 at 01:14 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peter Hemington Kemp.*



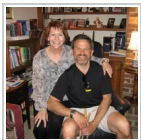
December 01, 2021 at 09:58 AM



“ *Henry & Joanne Parkhill purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Peter Hemington Kemp.*



Henry & Joanne Parkhill - December 01, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ *Deepest Sympathy - Judy and Dennis Kustra*

Dennis Kustra - December 01, 2021 at 08:17 AM



“ *My prayers and condolences go out to the family. Great guy, is going to be missed. Kevin Lust.*

Kevin Lust - November 30, 2021 at 10:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Peter Hemington Kemp.*



November 30, 2021 at 09:30 PM



“ *Randy Tilson lit a candle in memory of Peter Hemington Kemp*



randy tilson - November 30, 2021 at 09:20 PM



jane my deepest sympathies to you. It was an honor to have served on the Holder with Pete and to be with you and him at the reunions. Great memories. George Stoffa

George Stoffa - December 01, 2021 at 02:32 PM