



# Peter C. White

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**P**eter Coe White, 81, passed away on March 24, 2025.

A beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother, Pete was known for his kind heart, strong values and humble nature. He was, in short, a good man. Raised in Sidney, NY, Peter enlisted as part of the Military Intelligence Agency and was stationed in Germany during the Vietnam war. He spent most of his career with IBM/Lockheed Martin in Owego, NY, managing the outfitting of military aircraft with the latest avionics, warfare and spy equipment.

Pete could build or fix anything. While living in Owego, he maintained his own 160-acre forest, from which he logged the timber to build his family a beautiful vacation home in Star Lake, NY. In retirement, Habitat For Humanity—plus many of his neighbors—were the fortunate beneficiaries of these talents.

Pete relished the outdoors, and could always be found hiking in the woods, mountain biking or discovering new waterfalls and vistas. When he wasn't on foot, he and Joyce enjoyed traveling up and down the East Coast in their RV, visiting family and gorgeous parks along the way. Pete loved the solitude of nature, but he was also a people person, sharing lots of laughs with very good friends, especially during "Thursday Afternoon Beer Time."

By example, Pete taught all four sons to work tirelessly to do their absolute best. He got his BS at Elmira College by working the midnight to 8am shift at IBM which allowed him to come home, sleep a few hours and then go to school. By making many sacrifices like this, Pete was able to provide each of the boys with a good education and a pathway to success.

Pete's loyalty and respect for Joyce was evident at all times; he loved her every day of his life. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Joyce Birchenough White; their children: Patrick (Mary), Daniel (Bobbi), Ryan, and Nate (Serena); grandchildren: Aidan, Audrey, Sailor, Ashley, Christian, Adam, Mia and Brooks; and siblings: Sue (John) Ford, Jon (Hope), and Lurinda.



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He will be laid to rest at the Salisbury National Cemetery, NC.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation (NPCF.us). <https://www.npcf.us/ways-to-donate/>

“The mountains are calling, and I must go” - John Muir

James Funeral Home is assisting the family, online condolences may be made at [www.jamesfuneralhomelkn.com](http://www.jamesfuneralhomelkn.com).



# Events

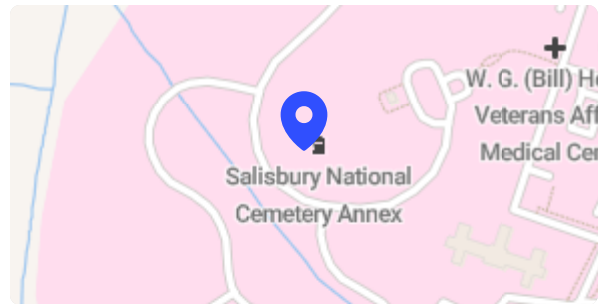
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## Memorial Service

 **Friday, May 9, 2025**

 **Salisbury National Cemetery**  
501 Statesville Boulevard, Salisbury NC 28144





## Tribute Wall

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**Bobbi White** posted:

Dan and I endeavored to build our house in Mebane, NC when Sailor was a baby. Pete selflessly spent weeks with us helping Dan install kitchen cabinets, cut and install all the doors and trim in the house, install hardwood floors in Sailor's nursery and what would one day be Ashley's nursery and paint the interior of the house. We treasured the time shared with Pete, greatly appreciated the knowledge and talents shared and cherished the home we created with our children for years to come. Pete definitely showed his love thru his many acts of service. He will be deeply missed. I see so much of Pete in Dan as he, too, is an intense problem solver and enjoys building and fixing things. His legacy will live on in Dan as he exemplifies so many of Pete's attributes and talents in our home! I am forever grateful to Pete for raising such an amazing son that I have the privilege of sharing life with! ❤️

April 2 at 1:09 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the White family.



April 1 at 5:47 PM



**Kathie Hefner** posted:

Pete's loss is an empty hole in our lives. He was always ready with a hardy laugh, big grin and helping hand. One of my favorite memories of Pete was his easy "yes" to a jaunt for pizza and Whit's frozen custard! or Hershey's ice cream! Summer-winter...always up for ice cream!! We'll also miss our evening porch chats with a glass of bourbon. A toast to you, dear friend. Peace and Grace to all who knew Pete. -Kathie Hefner

April 1 at 5:35 PM



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April 1 at 5:27 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Peter by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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