



Mr. Peter R. "Pete" Bathke

November 12, 1946 - December 8, 2017

MARCY - Mr. Peter R. "Pete" Bathke, age 71, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, December 8, 2017 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his loving wife by his side.

Born in Utica on November 12, 1946, Peter was the son of the late Raymond F. "Pete" and Lucille Jane (Todd) Bathke. He was raised and educated in Poland NY and attended Morrisville College. A proud veteran, Peter enlisted in the United States Army/173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, the "Sky Soldiers", honorably serving his country from 1965-1968 including two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was the recipient of the Purple Heart. On February 26, 1977 he married the former Valerie A. Humiston with whom he shared over 40 years. They supported each other and honored their vows in a union of love. Peter was a tradesman and member of the Laborers' International Union of North America/Local #35 and he truly was a jack-of-all-trades. Later in life, he enjoyed working at Walmart in North Utica in the Maintenance Department and at the Folts Home in Herkimer in the Transportation Department. Pete possessed a unique style of showing his love. He could be a little grumpy, but everyone knew a smile would make him come around. He was grateful for being blessed with a beautiful family. Pete was a truly talented woodworker, an avocation that was engrained in his heart and soul. He also enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing, solving challenging crossword puzzles, reading, and the friendship of his family felines. He looked forward to his Sunday morning routine of breakfast at the Boulevard Diner with his wife. He was

dedicated to his patriotic participation as a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #1554, the American Legion Whitestown Post #1113, and the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Peter is survived by his wife, Valerie; his sons and daughter-in-law, Mark Bathke of Utica, and Erik and Janell Bathke of Colorado; his daughter and son-in-law, Kristin and Cerlisa Dutcher of North Carolina; his grandchildren, Kiara, Wyatt, and Ariel Bathke; Kaleb, and Tyler Bathke; Amelia, and Lilianna Dutcher; and his sisters and brother-in-law, Jane and Rev. Tim DeBeaumont, Sr. of North Carolina, and Lisa J. Young of Syracuse. He also leaves several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws of the Humiston side of the family. He was predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dorwin F. "Tom" and Gloria J. Humiston; and his brother-in-law, Kenneth Young.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend his Memorial Gathering which will be held on Thursday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Peter's Final Prayers and Blessings will be offered on Thursday evening at 6:00 with Sister Betty Giarrusso, CSJ, officiating. Military honors will also be conferred by the US Army.

Those wishing to do so may make a donation in Pete's memory to the Feed Our Vets Utica Veteran Food Pantry, 205 Genesee St., Utica NY 13502 or online at www.feedourvets.org ; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **14**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
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Tribute Wall

JD

“ Valerie and family; Our thoughts and prayers are with you today and always.

I remember picking up my brother, Peter, at the airport in Rochester, NY, when he got home from Vietnam. He wanted to surprise Mom and Dad, so my husband and I picked him up and drove him to Poland the next day so he could ring their front doorbell and totally surprise them that he was finally home safe and sound.

We lost touch through the years, but you and your family were often in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Timothy and Jane (Bathke) DeBeaumont

Jane Bathke DeBeaumont - December 14, 2017 at 10:23 AM



“ Red & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Peter R. "Pete" Bathke.



December 13, 2017 at 10:35 PM



“ We had our differences but i am going to miss you dad. Rest in peace. I love you.



Mark Bathke - December 13, 2017 at 02:48 AM

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“ *Rich, Dorothy Humiston and Family purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Mr. Peter R. "Pete" Bathke.*



Rich, Dorothy Humiston and Family - December 12, 2017 at 04:36 PM

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“ *Valerian, I am sorry for your loss at this time of year.*



Carol Noble - December 12, 2017 at 02:13 PM