



Peder "Pete" C. Pedersen

February 16, 1941 - March 8, 2025

Peder "Pete" Christian Pedersen, 84, of Mentone, Indiana passed 7:45 pm, Saturday, March 8, 2025 at Lutheran Kosciusko Hospital of Warsaw, Indiana.

Pete, born on February 16, 1941, in Indianapolis, Indiana, was the son of the late Alfred and Mary (Cook) Pedersen. Pete graduated from Emmanuel High School and continued his education in Miami, Florida, where he also played basketball. Later, he proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

In 1973, Pete met Joyce Laughlin, and they later married in 1991 in Warsaw, Indiana. Joyce survives him, cherishing the memories of 52 years together.

Pete had a gift for sales, excelling in selling everything from cars to chemicals and even lumber. He was also deeply passionate about motorsports, attending 50 consecutive Indy 500 Mile races as well as promoting to support NASCAR drivers. He collected die-cast cars and loved the energy of the racetrack. Pete was an enthusiastic Indiana University basketball fan.

He is survived by his wife Joyce Pedersen of Mentone; sons Jeff and wife Anna Peters of Bend Oregon and Scott Peters and girlfriend Terri Hagler of Hamlet, Ind.; grandchildren Davin, Daisha, Mckinley, Abigail, Jenna, and Eric; and sisters Judy Taylor of Indianapolis and Anita Hueber of Mineral Wells, Texas.

Pete was preceded in death by parents, a sister Joyce Nicholson, and grandchildren Aaron and Arien.

A memorial gathering will be held from 1 pm to 3 pm, Sunday, March 16, 2025 at the American Legion Post #424 202 South Main Street Bourbon, Indiana 46504. Military honors will then be performed at 3:00 pm in honor of his service to his country.

The arrangements have been entrusted to King Memorial Home 101 North Tucker Street Mentone, Indiana.

Tribute Wall



“ Remembering Pete’s laugh, love of racing and collecting, and good times with he and Joyce. Sending love and condolences as you mourn a good man. Bob and Kathy Morrow

Kathryn & Bob Morrow - March 16, 2025 at 11:00 AM



“ Sweet Snacks Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Peder "Pete" C. Pedersen.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Peder "Pete" C. Pedersen.

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