



## Peter J. Duimstra

October 11, 1937 - February 17, 2025

It is with great sadness that the family of Peter John Duimstra announce his passing on February 17th, 2025. He and his loving wife, Barbara, met when they were 14 years of age while attending Belvidere High School. Their love blossomed, they married and raised 4 children in their beloved home town of Belvidere, NJ where they still have numerous friends and family.

Born in Dover, NJ on October 14th, 1937, Peter was the son of the late Louis J. and Frances DeJong Duimstra who immigrated to the United States from the Netherlands. He was a member of the New Jersey State Police for 25 years, retiring in 1984 as a lieutenant. After retiring from the NJ State Police, he worked for Aetna Insurance as a claims investigator. He and his loving wife, Barbara, moved from Belvidere, NJ to his final residence in Myrtle Beach, SC in 1997. In his golden years, he was employed by Myrtle Beach National golf course. It is said he was coerced into taking this final job by his friends Roger Learn and Phil Cotton (also from Belvidere, NJ), but the family believes he took the position to support his avid love for golf and happy hours on the 19th hole.

Peter always had a smile for friends and family and was quick to share a joke. He enjoyed playing softball and hunting & fishing with his children when he wasn't attending one of their school or extracurricular activities. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, instilling his love for sports, academics and work ethic into his family.

While raising his family in Belvidere, he was very active in his local

community. Peter was a member of the Belvidere Rotary Club where he served as President and was a Paul Harris Fellow. He also served as chairman of the Belvidere Planning Board and as a member of the Belvidere Pool Association.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Barbara (formerly Vannatta), to whom he was married for over 60 years and they raised 4 children: daughter Vicki and her husband Marinus Peters of Manheim, PA, son Daniel (predeceased Peter) and his wife Beth of Brick, NJ, son Thomas and wife Anna of East Brunswick, NJ and son John P. and Robin of Montpelier, VA. Peter is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. He had 6 siblings and is survived by 2 sisters: Theresa Gaisler of State College, PA and Sharon Roof of Bangor, PA. Sisters Frances & Anne and brothers Fred & Jacob predeceased him. A celebration of the man, the myth, the legend will be held at Goldfinch Funeral Homes Beach Chapel in Murrells Inlet, SC at 3 PM on Saturday, February 22, 2025 with refreshments following the service.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB **22**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home  
11528 Highway 17 Bypass  
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576  
(843) 651-3295  
info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Peter J. Duimstra*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - February 20, 2025 at 01:58 PM

T#

“ *My sincere condolences on the Passing Lieutenant Peter Duimstra #1607. I'm sure I met him during my career as I am also a retired N.J. State Trooper having served from 1973 - 2004. Coincidentally I moved to 910 Liberty St. in Belvidere in 2001. My sincere condolences. Tom VanTassel Sr. #2931 & Tom Jr. #6886. 908.246.9063*



Tom VanTassel #2931 - February 23, 2025 at 05:52 PM

BD

*Thank you so much for your condolences. We moved from Belvidere before your arrival. You must be proud of your son following in your footsteps. God bless both of you. Barbara Duimstra*

Barbara Duimstra - March 02, 2025 at 09:50 PM

EF

“ *Eugenie Barry & family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Peter J. Duimstra.*



---

**Eugenie Barry & family** - February 21, 2025 at 01:41 PM

PD

“ *Rest easy Trooper until we meet again. Patrick Dwyer 3240 NJSP retired.*

---

**Patrick Dwyer** - February 21, 2025 at 06:00 AM

BD

*Thank you Patrick.*

---

**Barbara Duimstra** - March 05, 2025 at 02:28 PM

JC

“ *Linda and I have the pleasure of knowing Pete and Barbara for over 25 years. I enjoyed playing cards with Pete and listening to his jokes and interesting stories from his NJ State Police days. Pete was a man who always had a smile, a joke and a kind word for you. He and Barbara made my wife's mother feel very welcome when she moved to Myrtle Beach and lived across from them. Pete will be missed and we will always be here for Barbara!!*

---

**John and Linda Cello** - February 20, 2025 at 07:59 PM

LF

“ Love, The Planer and May Families purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Peter J. Duimstra.



---

**Love, The Planer and May Families** - February 20, 2025 at 04:48 PM

TF

“ The Dennis and Spittle Families purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Peter J. Duimstra.



---

**The Dennis and Spittle Families** - February 20, 2025 at 01:03 PM

TF

“ The Dennis and Spittle Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peter J. Duimstra.

---

**The Dennis and Spittle Families** - February 20, 2025 at 01:03 PM

DB

“ We have had the privilege of knowing Pete and Barb for many years in Myrtle Beach. We were so sorry to hear that he passed but are comforted that he is not in pain anymore.  
Our hearts and prayers go out to Barb and all of their extended family.  
We hope they know how much love is coming their way.

---

**Denise & Bob Ballerano** - February 20, 2025 at 10:53 AM

BD

*Thank you Denise and Bob, you both have been great friends to him.  
Barbara*

Barbara Duimstra - March 05, 2025 at 02:27 PM

LD

“ Linda and Cliff D planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peter J. Duimstra.

Linda and Cliff D - February 19, 2025 at 09:13 PM

DO

“ I remember John from middle school when he used to help me with english and I thought of him as a very smart guy. We went our seperate ways in high school or my memory is just poor but I think we were on the football team and he probably blocked for me allowing me to make yardage. I always liked john and never new him as peter and unfortunately never saw him after high school. Also unfortunately I never saw Barbara again until FaceBook and I am Glad we made contact because I think I had some contact with John. It allowed me to see the great family he raised and I was surprised and sad to hear of his passing. My good thoughts to you Barbara and I hope we can stay in touch on FB. Don

Donald Osmun - February 19, 2025 at 10:45 AM

BD

*Don, John always admired you and your knowledge and quickness. It is nice to hear from you on Facebook and I would always tell him what I heard from you. Thanks for being a friend. Barbara*

Barbara Duimstra - March 05, 2025 at 03:00 PM

TF

“ *The Lewis family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Peter J. Duimstra.*



---

**The Lewis family** - February 19, 2025 at 08:35 AM

TF

“ *The Lewis family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peter J. Duimstra.*

---

**The Lewis family** - February 19, 2025 at 08:35 AM

SD

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



---

**Sue Duimstra-Ogas** - February 19, 2025 at 07:45 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Peter J. Duimstra.*

---

February 19, 2025 at 06:57 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Peter J. Duimstra.*



February 19, 2025 at 06:57 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peter J. Duimstra.*



February 18, 2025 at 08:53 PM



“ *Truly a good man, kind, tough and a great sense of humor. I remember him with only good memories. Sorry for your loss.*

**Michael Moyer** - February 18, 2025 at 05:59 PM



“ *9 files added to the tribute wall*



**Tom Duimstra** - February 18, 2025 at 05:16 PM

AD

“ It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Peter John whom his wife Barbara and my deceased husband Phil were friends of 45 years. We shared many happy times and vacations together. John was a genuine man always very polite and full of smiles. A true role model as a Father Husband, grandfather and friend. He had one true LOVE in his life and it was his wife Barbara. Peter John will be missed by all who knew and loved him. R.I.P. Peter John.

---

**Ann DOMINIQUE** - February 18, 2025 at 04:27 PM

NV

“ 12 files added to the album Pop



---

**Nicole Vaughan** - February 18, 2025 at 04:06 PM

SD

“ 16 files added to the tribute wall



---

**Sue Duimstra-Ogas** - February 18, 2025 at 02:33 PM

MY

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



---

**Melissa Yuka** - February 18, 2025 at 01:38 PM

MY

“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



---

**Melissa Yuka** - February 18, 2025 at 01:37 PM



“ 13 files added to the tribute wall

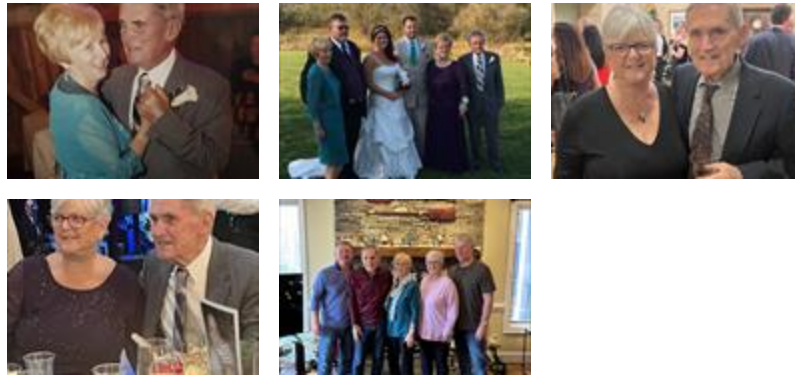


---

**Megan Peters** - February 18, 2025 at 01:18 PM

JL

“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Jenna Lilly - February 18, 2025 at 12:47 PM

BD

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Beth Duimstra - February 18, 2025 at 12:40 PM

BD

“ Dad was the best Father in law a girl could ask for. When I first met him in 1983 I was so scared of him. He was so serious, but then seeing his smile I knew he was a teddy bear. RIP Dad and I know that you and Dan are together and can only imagine what you will be talking about. I'll miss you 💔💔💔

Beth Duimstra - February 18, 2025 at 12:38 PM