



Peter Greg Smithuysen

May 17, 1941 - May 3, 2026

A limb has fallen from the family tree that says grieve not for me. Remember the best times, the laughter, the song, the good life. I lived while I was STRONG

Peter Greg Smithuysen, born in Buffalo, New York, and raised in Dumont, New Jersey, passed away on Sunday, May 3, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of loyalty, service, and deep devotion to those he loved.

A proud veteran of the U.S. Army, Peter carried the discipline and leadership he learned in service into a successful career as Vice President of Sales for Atlantic Elevator. Following his retirement, Peter and his beloved wife, Sharon, made their home in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, where he fully embraced the life he loved—golfing, long walks on the beach, listening to music, sharing stories, and, most importantly, spending time with his family.

Peter had a gift for storytelling and a way of bringing memories to life that made everyone feel connected and at ease. He loved the beach, where he found peace and joy, and he cherished the simple moments—whether it was a conversation, a laugh, or time spent with those closest to him. He also had a deep love for his dogs and considered them an important part of his family, especially his faithful companion, Ranger, who rarely left his side.

He was predeceased by his father, Peter Henry Smithuysen; his beloved mother, Violet Lily; and his brother, W. Barry.

Peter is survived by his devoted wife, Sharon Salzberg Smithuysen, and a loving family who meant everything to him: his daughter, Meredith Smithuysen Altenburg and her husband Timothy, along with their daughters, Violet and Lily; his son, Elliot Goldbetter and his wife Lisa, along with their son, David; and his daughter, Jennifer Goldbetter and her husband Marc, along with their son, Daniel. He will also be deeply missed by extended family and many dear friends.

A celebration of Peter's life will be held on Friday, May 8th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Goldfinch Funeral Home. Family and friends are invited to gather, share memories, and honor his life.

In lieu of flowers, Peter would have appreciated donations to All 4 Paws Animal Rescue (<https://all4pawssc.org/donate>) or a charity of your choice.

Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

The family provided a zoom link for the service: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2070246114?pwd=ZHZURzdoRERiZnZudmxkZnBLMEMxdz09>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel Home
11528 Highway 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Tribute Wall

GD

“ Sending you so much love and comfort, I only met him briefly but I know he was deeply loved. I made a donation to the animal rescue on his behalf, hoping they can use it to find even more loving homes for their sweet animals!



Grace and Dana - May 08 at 11:40 AM

FF

“ From Nick and Anila Patel & Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Peter Greg Smithuysen.



From Nick and Anila Patel & Family - May 07 at 09:19 PM

KA

“ Our sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May cherished memories and earnest prayer bring comfort for family and friends at this time. Isaiah 41:13

Kathryn - May 07 at 10:30 AM

BS

“ Bruce, Maritza, And Matthew Salzberg purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Peter Greg Smithuysen.



Bruce, Maritza, And Matthew Salzberg - May 07 at 10:20 AM

DC

“ David C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peter Greg Smithuysen.

David C. - May 06 at 04:40 PM

WY

“ White Oak Manor York purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Peter Greg Smithuysen.



White Oak Manor York - May 05 at 09:05 PM

FC

“ We will always treasure the memories we shared with Pete and Sharon and the many times we played Mexican Train so much fun. Fred and Pete went to Dumont HS NJ and Pete always had stories to share about their adventures together. Little did we know that by chance or an act of God that Pete and Fred would hook up again in South Carolina and rekindle their friendship. Love you Pete and we will meet again in the Spirit in the Sky ❤️🙏

Fred and Pat Challener - May 05 at 05:53 PM

PD

“ Lou and I always enjoyed seeing and talking to Pete out in the neighborhood when he was walking Ranger. May your sweet memories carry you through the hard times.

Lou and Pam DeRuvo
York, SC



Pamela S DeRuvo - May 05 at 04:56 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Peter Greg Smithuysen.*



May 05 at 02:09 PM