



## Peter E. Geier

July 6, 1957 - November 14, 2017

Peter E. Geier passed away on November 14, 2017, after a very brief illness, at age 60 surrounded by his loving family. He was born on July 6, 1957 in Richmond, Indiana. Pete was preceded in death by his father, Jerome Geier; mother, Roselyn Geier; brother, William Geier; and father-in-law, Robert Derbick. He is survived by his wife Susan (Derbick); children, Jessica (Jeff) Sebastian, Eric (Ashley), David, and Katherine; grandchildren, Leah, June, Zachary, and Julia; sister, Mary Beth Miller; brothers, Kevin (DeDe), David (Kem), Stephen (Karen); and countless other family members.

Pete grew up in Richmond, Indiana as the youngest of six children. He always held close his fond memories of Richmond and the time spent there with his parents, brothers and sister, as well as his high school football playing days for the legendary Richmond Red Devils. Pete went on to attend Purdue University where he met the love of his life, Susan, in 1978. Over the next 40 years, they were never apart. The two shared a spirit and sense of humor that made their love truly special. And though Pete was a success in business, his true passion was his family. He loved nothing more than being around the people he loved, watching his beloved Cincinnati Bengals, and listening to his all-time favorite musician, Bruce Springsteen.

Pete graduated from Purdue with a B.S. in Business Administration in 1979 and continued on to Butler University where he received his M.B.A. in 1983. From there he relocated to Columbus, Ohio where he began his 15-year career with Huntington National Bank. While at Huntington, Pete had the opportunity to oversee the company's most complex business relationships. As Executive Vice President and then Vice Chairman and President of Huntington, he conducted presentations at investor conferences hosted by investment banks, structured debt and equity issues, and led the bank in significant expansion through bank and insurance company acquisitions.

Pete was recruited to The Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center in 2001. As the organization's Chief Operating Officer, he assumed the task of turning the organization around and improving financial performance. In 2003, Pete was asked to take on

additional responsibility for the OSU Health System as Chief Executive Officer and served in both positions until stepping down in early 2016. The Medical Center held a special place in his life. He took every decision he made to heart, knowing the impact it had on the lives of patients and those who worked there. He continued his impact at Ohio State by becoming a Senior Lecturer at the Fisher College of Business.

The span of Pete's business career in Columbus includes being in the inaugural class of Business First's "Forty under 40" in 1993, being named Chief Operating Officer of the Year by Columbus Business First in 2014, and being named the 2016 Annual Honoree of the OSU Stress, Trauma and Resilience (STAR) Program. During his career he served on numerous for-profit and not-for-profit boards, including: Academic Medical Center Connection, Columbus Area Growth Foundation, The Financial Services Roundtable, Healthcare Businesswomen's Association, Columbus Council on World Affairs, Huntington Bancshares, Inc., Insight Bank, First Financial Bank Corporation, University Health System Consortium, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio, National Church Residences, Franklin County United Way, United Cerebral Palsy Association Of Ohio, Ohio Bankers Association, Ohio State University Hospital Boards, The Ohio State University Health Plan, The Ohio State University Physicians, Incorporated, Columbus School for Girls, Santa Rosa Consulting, Prologue International, Incorporated, World Presidents' Organization, as well as multiple other corporations.

Family will receive friends from 2-6pm Sunday, November 19, at the Schoedinger Worthington Chapel, 6699 N. High St. Mass of Christian Celebration 10am Monday at St. Peter Roman Catholic Church, 6899 Smoky Row Rd, Columbus, OH 43235. Fr. Mark Summers Celebrant. Reception immediately following the service at the Worthington Inn, 649 High St, Worthington, OH 43085. The family requests no flowers be sent. Instead, to continue Pete's commitment to improving Central Ohio communities, donations may be made in his memory to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio, 711 E Livingston Ave, Columbus, OH 43205, or by going to <https://colrmhc.ejoinme.org/MyPages/DonationPage/tabid/89626/Default.aspx>.

# Events

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**NOV 19**   **Visitation**   02:00PM - 06:00PM

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Schoedinger Worthington Chapel  
6699 North High Street, Worthington, OH, US, 43085

**NOV 20**   **Mass of Christian Burial**   10:00AM

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St. Peter Catholic Church  
6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus, OH, US, 43235

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Schoedinger Funeral Service** - November 17, 2017 at 04:52 PM



“ Dear Susan, Jessica, David, Kathrrine and the entire Geier family,

Our sincere condolences to you all of you during this time. You're in our thoughts and prayers. May you cherish the memories you created together. We'll always remember your help, compassion and friendship when we relocated to Columbus. Peter was a role model for so many as his contributions to society are plentiful. Thinking of you all and wishing you peace.

Many blessing,

Joe, Sue, Michael&Andree, Stephen and Kathryn Leonelli

**sue leonelli** - November 19, 2017 at 09:20 PM

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“ Susan our prayers are with you and your beautiful family in the days and weeks ahead.. know that comfort comes from prayers and friendships. Love you, Wendy & Danny Ball and Sammy

**Wendy Ball** - November 18, 2017 at 04:59 PM

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“ Sue, David and family, my condolences to all. Although I only knew Pete during David and John's HS years I always enjoyed talking with him about John and David's lacrosse games. He was also always very kind to John. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

John Brelus

**john brelus** - November 18, 2017 at 03:09 PM

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“ Susan: My condolences to you and your family.

**Glenn Sheller** - November 17, 2017 at 11:28 AM



“ Dear Susan, and family,

I hold such fond memories of all of you from the time our children were all at Bluffsvie Elementary, Perry Middle School and Worthington Kilbourne High School.

Probably a lesser known fact about Pete, he was very instrumental in helping secure the loan for the WKHS weight room that was built with private funding back in 1999. Thanks in part for his guidance, all of the athletes at WKHS enjoy a wonderful 3,000 sq. ft. facility. As a member of the weight room committee, I so appreciated all of Pete's help.

Susan, it was always a pleasure volunteering time at school with you. I love reading your posts about animal rescues and admire your compassion. Jessica, I have great memories of coaching you in softball and love seeing all the pictures on facebook of you and your precious family. Eric, David and Kathryn (Kitty), I was a lunch lady at Perry when all of you were there and the three of you always showed respect and great manners to us in the lunch room. I just know Pete is so proud of all of you and the young adults you have all become. My thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy are with all of you.

Carol Terrell

Carol Terrell - November 17, 2017 at 10:34 AM

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“ Dear Susan,

My sincere and heartfelt condolences go out to you and your family. Please know that I have kept you in my thoughts and prayers since I learned of the very sad news about Pete.

As you know, I had the pleasure of working for and with Pete for many years at OSU and I cherish those memories. I always considered Pete to be a friend, a mentor, a supporter and at times...an adversary...but that was reserved for business. When I left The James in 2009 it was a tough time in my life but it was Pete who made a point of pulling me aside one day and, in just a few short words, removed the doubt and conflict I had eating at me. One day I will share that with you...now is not the time.

One last memory I would like to share. Again, as you know, Pete and I reconnected over the past couple of years due to a new business venture that I needed his help with. We would usually meet in Dublin in a small private room over morning coffee at La Chatelaine...he called it our "Executive Dining Room"! So Pete!!! The business discussions were serious and down to brass tacks. However, when business was finished we would always catch up on our private lives. Susan, that little "Executive Dining Room" would literally light up with smiles, pride and laughter when Pete got to

talking about you and the family he cherished so much...it was absolutely palpable. He certainly loved his family more than words could ever express.

I will truly, truly miss him.

Again, my heartfelt condolences.

Dennis Smith

**Dennis Smith** - November 16, 2017 at 10:32 PM



“ Susan,

I have no words that can express my headache that I feel for you during the time in your life for the great loss you feel. Also my I am heartbroken for you and your family. I have experienced this pain and Pete showed his support for me.

He was my boss for so many years and I enjoyed working for him and knowing you and family. There are so many things I could say but I guess I am still in shock.

My prayer and thoughts are with you and your family. It was such a pleasure knowing him and his family.

Much love and prayers

Renalda

**Renalda Sneed** - November 17, 2017 at 04:17 PM



“ Dear Sue,

Rod & I are so very saddened by the news of Pete's passing. It has been probably 36 years since the days of Merchants Bank and Doubloon Road hijinks; and yet they are memories we cherish still. Watching your children grow through your annual Christmas card kept the memories from fading into the busy-ness of our lives. With FaceBook came the adorable faces of your grandchildren not to mention a few stray animals desperate for a good home. Through it all we have admired you both; for your accomplishments and your absolute devotion to family. May you all hold each other particularly close during this extraordinarily difficult time, and feel some of the love we, and your many friends, send your way.

Terri & Rod Clark

**Terri Clark** - November 16, 2017 at 08:26 PM



“ Sue and the rest of Pete's family,  
I was so shocked and saddened to hear of my favorite cousin's passing. So sorry for you.

**Ann Stinson** - November 16, 2017 at 08:12 PM

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“ Susan and family,

Jack and I are in shock and disbelief of Pete's passing. Words cannot express our sorrow for your loss. We loved Pete very much and will miss him dearly. What a kind, wonderful man he was. We were so looking forward to you both traveling with us in retirement. Know that whatever we can do to help you in your loss, we are here for you. You are all in our prayers.

Jack and Carolyn Pigman

**Carolyn Pigman** - November 16, 2017 at 08:04 PM



“ I echo Carolyn's sentiments and Adam and I enjoyed talking with him at the charity event at the zoo when we all sat together. Please know you will be in our thoughts and prayers... our deepest sympathy.

Adam and Alisa Parker (Carolyn Pigman's son and daughter n law)

**Alisa** - November 16, 2017 at 09:22 PM



“ So very sorry to hear about this Susan. My prayers will be with you and your family. Pete was one of the good guys. My deepest sympathy.

**Gale Hammock-Ramsey** - November 16, 2017 at 10:26 PM

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“ So shocked and saddened of the news of Pete's death. Grew up in Richmond, In, across the street from his aunt, uncle and cousins, the Hoelschers. Sending heartfelt sympathy to all of his family.

**Brenda Ramstack** - November 16, 2017 at 07:43 PM

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“ I worked briefly with Mr. Geier in the Chairman's Suite at Huntington HQ. He was a kind, good-natured man. I'm sending my sincerest hopes for comfort in your time of sorrow.

**Jennie Keplar** - November 16, 2017 at 03:35 PM

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“ Pete was such a talented and supportive colleague at Ohio State and never dodged a challenge. I've loved watching the Geier family grow and Pete's happy posts told the story of what mattered most. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

**Ginny Trethewey** - November 16, 2017 at 03:26 PM

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“ Dear Susan and family - I just saw Jessica's post that Pete had passed away. I am in shock and truly feel so bad for you and your family. As you know, I knew him from years ago when we both served on the board of the Capital Area Humane Society and thought at that time how lucky they were to have his expertise and have him looking out for their well being. I had not seen him again until an event for Friends of the Shelter about a year or two ago and thought he had not changed a bit! It seemed from afar that you were a wonderful family, always helping others and blessed to have each other. Please know I am sharing in your loss.  
Lynn Stumpf

**Lynn Stumpf** - November 16, 2017 at 02:46 PM

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“ Dear Susan,  
I am so sorry that you have lost your wonderful husband and partner, Pete. We were so shocked at the news that his vital man had passed away. You can be justifiably proud of him and his accomplishments in business and at OSU. Today I am remembering him at your home, getting up from his sports show, walking through your kitchen as we met with rescue friends and tried to plan ways to help homeless companion animals and low income owners. He always directed a quick smile our way, sometimes a shake of the head, or frequently an excellent comment, quip or suggestion. I know he is irreplaceable in your lives, and he will stay in the memories of his many friends and acquaintances. He was a wonderful, admirable human being. My heart goes out to you and your children.  
Mary Jo Kilroy

**Mary Jo Kilroy** - November 16, 2017 at 02:03 PM

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“ Mary Pat and I are so sad . Pete was a genuine friend and a kind and generous human being . He will be missed by many and never forgotten.



