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Peter "Pete" Warlick Patton III

Nov. 13, 1936 - Dec. 22, 2022

Peter "Pete" Warlick Patton III passed away Thursday, December 22, 2022. He was 86 years old.

Born in Mecklenburg County, November 13, 1936, he was the son of the late Peter Warlick Patton Jr. and Mary Gordon Query.

Pete was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church in Morganton where he was a faithful member of the Huffman Sunday School Class. He also served many years as a member of the Church Usher Team and the Homebound Visitation Team.

Pete graduated from Morganton High School and N.C. State University, where he played on the golf teams for both schools. Following his graduation from N.C. State he began a career in sales, spanning over 50 years. He also remained a formidable golfer for over 60 years.

Pete was a long-time member of Mimosa Hills Golf and Country Club and a life member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of the Elks. He also volunteered at The History Museum of Burke County.

Pete is survived by his wife Libby Linker along with canine family member Winston and feline family member Lulubelle all of the home; daughter Pepper Dedrick (Tom)

and grandchildren Jack and Anna Marie Dedrick all of Wilmington; sister Mary Stafford Currin (Jay) of Fayetteville; niece Katie Currin (Stephanie) of Kannapolis; nephew Christopher Currin (Letha) of Greenville, NC; and the mother of his daughter, Marie Brookshire of Wilmington.

Pete was preceded in death by his parents.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, February 18, 2023 from 1 pm until 2 pm, at First Baptist Church in Morganton. A Celebration of Life Service for Pete will begin at 2 pm in the church sanctuary with Dr. Thomas A. Bland Jr. officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Morganton (PO Drawer 459, Morganton, NC 28680) and NC State University Student Aid Association (PO Box 37100, Raleigh, NC 27627).

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

I happen on this obituary today. Pete was my first cousin. My daddy was Pete's younger brother Jake who died in 1998. I haven't seen Pete since 1981 or so. I'm sorry for his loss and sorry to have lost touch with my relatives in North Carolina. Mary Stanford if you see this, please reach out. My email is pppquinn@mac.com. Love to all.

—Paula Patton Quinn



Libby so sorry to hear about Pete. He was a fine person. Loved you all being my neighbor. May God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

—Connie Lytle

Oh Libby, I am heart broken to hear about our Pete. You know how much I cared about him. You are certainly in my thoughts & prayers. My email is listed here if I can be of any help. Love you

—Debbie Mace

I knew Pete’s dad for along time then out of the Marine Corp in 1970 when to work at Romarco That’s where I meet Pete he just like his Dad a fine gentleman.

—Charles Boyd Barrier



Pete was a true friend to my family and a great Wolfpacker. He shall be missed…

–Betsy Conway Blatz