



*Peter "Pete" Bender*

**June 25, 1961 - Feb. 18, 2026**

Peter "Pete" Bender, 64, of Morganton, NC went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, February 18, 2026. Born on June 25, 1961, he was the son of the late Dieter and Beverly Bender. Pete enjoyed playing golf, video games, grilling, watching sports, and was an avid Tar Heel basketball fan. He worked for the Department of Corrections and served for 4 years in the US Army. Pete loved his family and his dog, Lucy. He was a great husband and father. Though Pete was a homebody in his later years, Pete had many good friends.

Pete is survived by his wife of 42 years, Jane Bender; daughter, Carla Danielle Bender; brothers, Scott Bender (Mary Claire), Dale Bender (Diane), Bob Bender (Joyce); sister, April Benfer (Brian); brothers-in-law, John Black (Barbara), Ken Black (Joyce); and a number of nieces and nephews and extended family.

There are no services planned at this time for the Bender family.

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

# Tribute Wall



–Sierra d

Enjoyed working with Pete at the High Rise and Foothills. Great guy!!! U will be missed!!!

–Bruce McCrary

I wish we saw each other more..I have so many memories of you picking on me..lol.. you were a good man, husband, dad and brother.. no more pain brother..fly free and we all will see each other some day..until then

–April Benfer

Jane, I am devastated! My heart hurts! I'm praying for you, Carla and your families! Pete was a very very dear friend! And with He, Roger, John and myself, we made up our "FAB FOUR GROUP"! Please accept my deepest condolences! I would love to talk with you! Call me if you'd like.... 828-729-1261.... I love you guys! \_\_\_ Terry Anderson

–Terry Anderson



My deepest condolences to the Jane and Carla and the rest of the family. I thought of Pete as my Brother for many years. After our Brother Roger passed away, I lost track of Pete and couldn't get him to answer his phone or messages, but I kept him in my prayers every night. We could always pick up right where we left off. I've missed hanging with him. It leaves a hole in my heart knowing that he's gone.

—John Walker

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