



Peter Neil Betterman

April 2, 1940 - August 25, 2019

Peter Neil Betterman, 79, of Indialantic, FL passed away Sunday, August 25, 2019 at his son's residence in St. Augustine, FL. Peter was born on April 2, 1940 in Cambridge, England to the late Leslie and Marjorie Betterman.

Peter began his career in Cambridge, England where he earned his apprenticeship degree in engineering. He was not the ideal student but he had a brilliant mind for math. He met and married the mother of his son at the age of 22 and they bravely immigrated to the United States at the young age of 26. He started working for a company in Georgia and then moved to California where his son, Michael, was born. While their son was still a very young child, He moved his family again to Missouri and then to Orlando where Peter began work for Lockheed Martin. He retired as an Aerospace Engineer holding many positions including leading multiple missile development teams. He loved taking on leadership positions with large groups solving complex problems. He loved the United States and every opportunity he was provided but he never lost the love of his home in the UK, he was a true patriot. Some years after moving to Orlando, he met and fell in love with his wife, Gayle, and they lived a very good life together. After retirement, he found another love restoring English cars from his youth and attending car shows. He loved the machinery aspect of restoration and the fellowship of the car club community. But most of all he loved his son and left all he knew to provide the best life for his family and the adventure of it all.

He leaves to cherish his memory his son, Michael Betterman and spouse, Nancy Merchan; granddaughters, Victoria and Amanda; brother, Terry Betterman and spouse, Janet; stepchildren, Laura and Shawn.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Gayle of 27 years, step daughter, Gina and mother of his son, Janice.

A celebration of Peter's life will be 10 A.M. Saturday, September 14, 2019 at Oasis at Conway Gardens Church, 1900 Conway Gardens Rd, Orlando, FL 32806. He will be laid to rest in the UK which was his final wishes.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **14.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Oasis at Conway Gardens Church
1900 Conway Gardens Rd
Orlando, FL 32806

Tribute Wall

KH

“ I worked with Pete at Lockheed Martin on a number of important programs. I really liked Pete and enjoyed working with him. I greatly admired his abilities in directing great technical programs and his integrity in dealing with the customer. I recall one time when we faced a big problem that presented many courses of action. To sort them out, Pete asked one question: "What is the right thing to do?" At his direction, the program did the right thing. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Keith Huddleston - September 24, 2019 at 09:12 AM

KB

“ There are too many adjectives to describe all of Pete's attributes. However, I will chose caring, gentle, sharing, helpful and most of all loving. I will always hold precious memories of Gayl and Pete...Happy in their life ❤️ together! God bless all those he loved and that loved him.

Karen Burchfield - September 12, 2019 at 01:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Peter Neil Betterman.



September 11, 2019 at 01:55 PM

TB

“ *Team Betterman purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Peter Neil Betterman.*



Team Betterman - September 11, 2019 at 01:40 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Peter Neil Betterman.*



September 11, 2019 at 01:00 PM

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“ *Peter and I shared a love of Morgan cars and the same brith day. He was a good friend and will be missed. Rest in Peace Peter Cheers
Rick Frazee*

Rick Frazee - September 06, 2019 at 07:33 AM

DJ

“ *Peter was a kind and gentle man. A true asset to our Jaguar Club and The All British Car Club. He had a warm smile and a lovely sense of humor. We will truly miss him.
Delilah Davis*

Delilah Davis President JCOF - September 05, 2019 at 10:26 PM



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