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Peter Mervin "Pete" Wills, age 70, of St. Augustine, passed away on Monday, April 20, 2015 at the Bailey Family Center for Caring with his family by his side. Pete was born in Philadelphia, Pa, the son of John and Dorcas Wills. He was a graduate of Penn Charter School in Philadelphia Class on 1962, Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pa. with the class of 1967 and went on to work for The Wills Group, a commercial art studio owned by his family, where he eventually served as President of the company. He lived for many years in Berwyn, Pa. and worked in sales positions with Johnson & Johnson and several automobile dealerships. Of Pete's many accomplishments, none could be bigger than overcoming his alcoholism through his participation in Alcoholics Anonymous. Sober for more than 28 years, Pete spent decades of his life leading others down the same path of healing that he experienced. He became the Pastor of First United Church Swampscott, Ma., the church where the AA meetings he attended were held and later attended Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. Pete moved to St. Augustine in 2001 and was a member of Anastasia Baptist Church. For many years he served as a Chaplain at Flagler Hospital and led the Sunrise Group AA meetings at the Serenity Club which started at 7 am, five days each week. He was loved by his family and friends and will be deeply missed. He is survived by a daughter, Kristen Anne Eickhoff of Richmond, Va., and a sister, Elizabeth Wills Parke of

Ft. Lauderdale. A memorial service will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, at St. Johns Family Funeral Home. A gathering of family and friends, beginning at 6:30 p.m. will precede the service. St. Johns Family Funeral Home in St. Augustine is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *In appreciation for the friendship, poetry, and daily inspiration through the years. Especially for the love, service, and example - including daily celebration of sister and love for daughter and family. You blessed our lives and blessed our marriage. Thank you.*

Terry Brennan - April 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Pete, I am with you in spirit as your friends and family gather around to remember you and celebrate your life. You certainly had an impact on mine with your wise words and helpful suggestions. You will be missed and I look forward to meeting up with you again on the other side. Love and light to you my friend. - Barbara*

Barbara Bish - April 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Never change a winning game! I love you Pete for every time you said that. Always warmed my heart. Good bye my friend I will see you again*

Robin Holman - April 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM