



Harold "Pete" Watson

July 29, 1946 - December 17, 2024

Harold Franklin "Pete" Watson, 78, of Point Marion, passed away in the early hours of December 17, 2024 in the presence of his loving family.

Pete was born July 29, 1946 to the late Harold and Evelyn (Orr) Watson of Point Marion. He was also predeceased by his younger brother, Michael Watson and nephew James Watson.

Pete is survived by his beloved spouse of 49 years, Diane McClain Watson of Point Marion, PA; eldest son Grant Watson and his wife Regina of Morgantown, WV, youngest son Keith Watson and his girlfriend Shelba Belt of Point Marion, PA; one grandson, Gabriel Watson - son of Grant and Regina - of Morgantown; nephew Daniel Watson of Madsville, WV, and nephew Ryan McClain and his wife Paula of Morgantown.

A 1965 graduate of Albert Gallatin High School, and a proud 1969 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy, Pete dedicated over two decades of his life in service to his country, retiring with the rank of Commander after a distinguished career in both active duty and reserves. A public high school teacher and coach of youth and high school sports for 26 years, Pete touched the lives of countless students and faculty at Mapletown High School in the Southeastern Greene School District.

Pete was a founding member of Point Marion's "Friends of the Old Cemetery", whose mission was to reclaim and restore the property and gravestones of the overgrown and forgotten cemetery on US Route 119 adjacent to Evergreen Memorial Park on the outskirts of Point Marion.

An avid golfer, gardener and musician - Pete was a proud member of the VFW Post 8543 (Uniontown) and American Legion Post 400 (Carmichaels) bands, and a lifelong fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Pete's legacy of service, compassion, and dedication to family and community will be cherished by all who knew him.

Friends will be received in the Richard R. Herod Funeral Home, Point Marion, Philip S. Rishel, Director, on Friday from 4 – 8 PM, and Saturday from 10 until the 11:00 AM hour of service. Interment follows in Evergreen Memorial Park, Point Marion, with Military Honors accorded at the graveside by the U.S. Coast Guard and the Point Marion Veterans Posts.

If you wish to honor Pete with a memorial, the family suggests the Friends of the Old Cemetery, P.O. Box 214, or the PMUMC Food Bank, 500 Morgantown St., both in Point Marion, PA 15474.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Herod-Rishel Funeral Home
501 Morgantown Street
Point Marion, PA 15474
(724) 725-5245
rishel@atlanticbb.net
<https://www.herod-rishel.com>

Visitation

DEC **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

DEC **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Pete was the best of us. To Diane and your family, our most sincere sympathy*
Kindest Regards. Francie and Alistair Barron

mary frances barron - December 28, 2024 at 08:53 AM

CT

“ *Dear Diane and Family, Sending special thoughts and condolences to all of you. May your good memories sustain you in the days ahead. Remembering Pete very fondly. Cindy Turco*

Cindy Turco - December 24, 2024 at 02:06 PM

DS

“ *Condolences to the Watson Family*



Debi Diakunik Smith - December 22, 2024 at 01:54 PM

DW

“ *My sincere sympathy to the Watson family.*

Debbie Petroff Wilfong - December 22, 2024 at 06:49 AM

KH

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. My condolences to the Watson family.
Woody & Karen Hughes



Karen Hughes - December 21, 2024 at 09:37 AM

LC

“ Grant and Watson Family - We are truly sorry for your loss and offer our heartfelt condolences.
- MAHRS Leadership Team

Liz Chalaisant - December 20, 2024 at 06:08 PM

PD

“ Pete was a soft-spoken mountain of a man with a kind and compassionate heart. To Diane and the entire family, we send our deepest sympathy and prayers for a peace that passes all understanding. God bless you! Pat and Bob Dumont

Pat & Bob Dumont - December 20, 2024 at 04:11 PM

BS

“ Sorry to hear this news. Pete and I were roommates in 1970 on my first CG assignment aboard the Escanaba in New Bedford MA. Had many many good times locally ashore, in St Johns NFLD, and passing time on Ocean Station. I have no doubt Pete was a treasured teacher and coach. May God bless his family during this difficult time...Bill Anderson CGA '70

Bill Anderson, USCG shipmate - December 20, 2024 at 01:12 PM

FB

“ Francie and Alistair Barron purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Harold "Pete" Watson.



Francie and Alistair Barron - December 20, 2024 at 06:55 AM

DT

“ Donna McClain Thorn purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Harold "Pete" Watson.



Donna McClain Thorn - December 19, 2024 at 09:18 AM

DT

“ Donna McClain Thorn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold "Pete" Watson.

Donna McClain Thorn - December 19, 2024 at 09:18 AM

DA

“ This is for Pete. Good by my friend. I love you and I want you to know that your family loves you. You were their rock and you will always be there rock. Know that your great family will take care of Diane. She will be the new rock. Always your friend. Dave

Dave - December 19, 2024 at 07:17 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harold "Pete" Watson.



December 19, 2024 at 06:12 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harold "Pete" Watson.

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“ Morgantown Firefighters IAFF Local 313 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold "Pete" Watson.

Morgantown Firefighters IAFF Local 313 - December 18, 2024 at 08:43 PM



“ Morgantown Firefighters IAFF Local 313 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Harold "Pete" Watson.



Morgantown Firefighters IAFF Local 313 - December 18, 2024 at 08:43 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathies and prayers are with the entire family during this most difficult time.*

Morgantown Firefighters IAFF Local 313

Charles Campbell - December 18, 2024 at 08:24 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Harold "Pete" Watson.*



December 18, 2024 at 05:11 PM