



Peter Calistri

December 16, 2021

On Thursday, December 16, 2021, Peter Jermiah Calistri, devoted husband and father of four children, passed away at age 90.

Peter was born on March 30, 1931 in Charleroi, PA, to the late Jeremiah and Vera Calistri. Peter was raised in Charleroi, PA. He graduated from St. Vincent's High School in Latrobe in 1949. Peter served in the US Army from 1953 to 1955 where he was stationed in Germany. Peter completed his Bachelor of Science from Columbia University.

On February 7, 1959 he married Theresa Kelsey and together they raised four children, Peter, Elizabeth, Marie and Matthew. Peter was a parishioner and usher at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Tenafly, NJ, for 38 years and in 2015 was awarded the legacy award along with his loving wife Theresa.

Throughout Peter's career he held various roles that preceded the advent of digitization. He was an engineer at Burrows Inc. in Rockleigh, NJ, spent many years at TWA where he led the team that automate flight plans, and finished his career at AT&T as a pioneer in packet switching, the technology that evolved to modern day email and internet traffic.

Peter relished in many hobbies and activities. As a youth he was an amateur painter and upon retiring later in life he resumed that passion using

watercolors – the walls of his children’s homes are proudly adorned with his numerous works. His international experience in the army ignited a love for travel which he and Theresa shared for their long marriage. Their favorite destinations included Italy, France and Germany and their home was filled with mementos from many trips overseas. Peter was best known for his love for food, cooking, and entertaining. Instead of using recipes, he preferred to search for delicious meals by dining at fine restaurants throughout the world and then returning home to recreate the dishes he’d enjoyed. By using his imagination and intuition he’d somehow make the meal better than the original – and was always eager to share his delicacies in a warm home full of hungry guests. He particularly developed a cult following for his homemade biscotti cookies which he sold to local boutique stores and frequently sent to family and friends as a cherished gift.

Most recently, Peter resided at Seabrook Senior Living Community in Tinton Falls, NJ, where he was on the Residents Advisory Council.

Peter was preceded in death by his father, Jermia, his mother, Vera, his wife, Theresa, his daughter, Elizabeth, and his granddaughter, Victoria. He is survived by three of his children, Peter, Marie, and Matthew, and eleven grandchildren, Alexandra, Nicholas, Olivia, Matthew, John, Katherine, Kelsey, Ella, Peter, Robert and Annellyse.

A viewing will be held from 10:00 am to 11:45 am on Monday, December 20, 2021 at Barrett Leber Funeral Home at 148 Dean Drive, Tenafly, NJ. A memorial mass will be held at 12:00 pm on Monday, December 20 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel R.C. Church at 10 Country Road, Tenafly, NJ. The Funeral Mass will also be livestreamed on Our Lady of Mount Carmel facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/olmctenafly>

Cemetery Details

Interment Private

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 20. 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home
148 Dean Dr
Tenafly, NJ 07670
(201) 568-8043
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass

DEC 20. 12:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church
10 County Rd
Tenafly, NJ 07670-2105
(201) 568-0545

Tribute Wall

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“ Hello I am very surprise to know news Peter's.
I remeber with love he was very smiles. I remeber my trip in U S A
he and Terry was very , very important for me and my wife Vilma,
All family I want send our thanks in His Memories.
Tanks for all you made for me.
Giancarlo and Vilma

Giancarlo Ferradini - December 20, 2021 at 12:07 PM



“ Cherished Memories was purchased for the
family of Peter Calistri.



December 19, 2021 at 06:19 PM

JA

“ Peter
So special, so kind, so understanding. I remember you. I looked
forward for your radiant, contagious warm smiles each day. Then at
night to warm your blanket and tuck you in. I truly miss your hugs of
gratitude. Forever in my heart. RIP. JANETT (aide)

Janett - December 19, 2021 at 05:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Peter Calistri.



December 19, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Peter Calistri.



December 18, 2021 at 08:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Peter Calistri.



December 18, 2021 at 03:01 PM



“ *Ever Upward Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Peter Calistri.



December 18, 2021 at 02:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Peter Calistri.*



December 18, 2021 at 12:20 PM



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



December 17, 2021 at 10:31 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Peter Calistri.*



December 17, 2021 at 07:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Peter Calistri.*



December 17, 2021 at 04:51 PM