



## Peter Ries Norman

March 20, 1931 - November 21, 2025

Peter Ries Norman, a devoted husband, loving father, and gifted cinematographer, passed away peacefully on November 21, 2025, surrounded by his family. He was 94 years old.

Born in England on March 20, 1931, Peter spent his early childhood in South Africa before returning to England in 1945 to complete his education at Shrewsbury Public School in Shropshire. In 1948, he and his mother immigrated to the United States, where he began his working life with McGraw-Hill Publishing Company.

In 1952, Peter proudly joined the U.S. Air Force. It was there that he discovered the passion that would shape his entire career—filmmaking. After his honorable discharge in 1955, he began his professional journey as an assistant cameraman in Washington, D.C. His ambition and talent soon brought him to New York City, where he built a distinguished career as a freelance cinematographer. He was a member of both the International Cinematographer's Guild and the Directors Guild of America.

Peter's work took him across the globe. His filmography includes contributions to iconic films such as *The Pawnbroker*, *Goldfinger*, *On Golden Pond*, and *Donnie Brasco* and he served as cinematographer for numerous feature films, documentaries, and a wide range of commercials produced through his own

company. His two-year tenure with Candid Camera remains one of the most memorable chapters of his early career.

In 1968, Peter married the love of his life, Barbara Gunzenhauser, and together they built a family grounded in creativity, warmth, and deep affection. They raised two children, Pamela and Timothy, and in 1978 relocated to Salem, New York, while Peter continued to maintain his professional base in New York City.

Peter is survived by his cherished wife, Barbara; his daughter Pamela, her husband Christopher Simoneau, and their children Colin, Julia, and Lauren; and his son Timothy, his wife Tamara, and their daughter Camille. He was particularly proud that Tim followed him into the film business and is now a director of photography. He is also lovingly remembered by his numerous cousins and their children.

Peter's legacy lives on through the stories he captured, the artistry he shared, and the generations of family who adored him. He will be remembered for his humor, his curiosity, his dedication to his craft, and the remarkable life he built from England to America and around the world.

A celebration of life will be held in Upstate New York in 2026.

May he rest in peace.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.



# Cemetery Details

**Evergreen Cemetery**

Salem, NY

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

GM

“ *RIP my friend you will forever be missed- Gary*

**Gary Muller** - November 25, 2025 at 02:09 PM

CD

“ *A truly great man. To know him was to love him. RIP!  
Craig and Bobbi Jo DiBona*

**Craig DiBona** - November 24, 2025 at 02:13 PM

WL

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Peter  
alongside my Father as a young grip.  
I was later honored to be hired by Peter himself  
as his Key.  
I learned much under those two masters. May  
they rest in peace.*



**William Lowry** - November 24, 2025 at 10:37 AM

ED

“ *My sincere condolences to the Norman family. Peter was a dear  
friend that I will miss.*

**Edward A. Donoghue** - November 24, 2025 at 07:49 AM

TF

“ *The Gerber Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peter Reis Norman.*

**The Gerber Family** - November 24, 2025 at 01:06 AM

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“ *The Gerber Family purchased the Heartfelt Comfort Charcuterie Gift Set for the family of Peter Ries Norman.*



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**The Gerber Family** - November 24, 2025 at 01:06 AM

BG

“ *I'm sorry to hear of Peter's passing. Peter was a good friend to our family as our children grew up together! My deepest condolences to Barbara, Pam and Tim.*

*With Love*

*Barbara Gerber*

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**Barbara Gerber** - November 24, 2025 at 01:01 AM

SE

“ *Pam and Tim, I always remember being excited for your 4th of July party! Your parents were so welcoming and I loved your Dads stories and he showing us the hat picture which Henry Fonda gave him from On Golden Pond. He will be remembered very fondly. I am so sorry for your loss.*

*Sue Behan Elich*

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**Sue Elich** - November 23, 2025 at 10:23 PM

JB

“ My first memory of working with Peter was on the movie Sleepers in 1995. I was a mere camera trainee with everything to learn and nothing to lose. Peter was such a gentleman on set and at all times. The kind of influence and example that inspired me to be better. He treated me with such respect and warmth that I felt I could actually succeed in the business. I admired his career, his high standards, and his love for his family and respect for his colleagues. I see all of his best attributes in his son, and my good friend, Tim. It's been my honor to know the Norman family. May Peter rest in peace. The world is better for his contributions. A life lived impeccably and compassionately.

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**James Bartolomeo** - November 23, 2025 at 07:24 PM

DN

“ An outstanding memory of Peter for me is the years of hosting July 4th parties at the Salem house. A wonderful gathering place for family and neighbors with Peter's smooth, suave hosting making it a wonderful community event. He'll be missed by many. Love to all of you. David

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**David Norman** - November 23, 2025 at 06:55 PM

DM

“ Mr Norman was just so sweet and welcoming. I had the opportunity to meet him when I was in college with Pam. He invited us to a party with the cast and crew of a film he was shooting in MD. He opened his apartment to Pam and our friends in NYC as well. He was always so kind and gracious to me and I am sad he is physically gone. I know he leaves a huge footprint. Love to the Norman and Simoneau families!!

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**Dawn Maynes** - November 23, 2025 at 06:41 PM

HW

“ *I'm sorry to hear of Peter's passing. He was a fun, kind and generous person. Sending hugs to Barbara, Pam and Tim and all the family.*

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**Helena Wu** - November 23, 2025 at 05:57 PM

BW

“ *Peter was such a generous funny and talented man. We shared many hours on set..He will be missed. RIP*

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**Barry Wetcher** - November 23, 2025 at 05:32 PM