



Peter Robert Van Leight

April 18, 1935 - August 7, 2014

Peter Robert Van Leight, 79, of Bonita Springs Florida, formerly of Manhattan and Bronxville, NY, sadly passed away unexpectedly, on August 7th, 2014. He was born on April 18th, 1935 in Brooklyn, NY, to Eugene and Irma Van Leight. Peter was a graduate of The Pingry School, Basking Ridge, NJ and Brown University, Providence, RI (Class of 1957). He also graduated from Aviation Officers Candidate School, Pensacola FL. He was a First Lieutenant US Navy Navigator AEWRON THREE from 1957-1961.

Peter's magazine publishing career spanned 40 years including advertising, marketing, research, promotion, production, and circulation management at major publishing NYC companies including: Time Inc. (1961-64); Conde Nast (1964-67); Kiplinger's (1981-90); and The Harvard Business Review (1991-2000), among others. In addition, Peter was part of the launch team for New York Magazine (1968-1974) where he served as VP, Director of Advertising. Peter was a Lifetime Member of the Union League Club in NY City, and a Founding Member of Palmira Golf and Country Club in Bonita Springs, FL, where he also served on the Villa Tuscany Board. He loved his retired life as a Palmira resident, enjoying golfing, swimming, boating and was an avid reader and lifelong student of United States history and politics.

Peter is survived by his wife of 26 years, Victoria Roschen Van Leight of Bonita Springs, his daughter Nicole Van Leight of New York City, son Erik Van Leight of San Clemente CA, daughter Courtney McCarthy and her husband William McCarthy, grandson William McCarthy Jr., and granddaughter Mary

Catherine McCarthy of Bronxville NY.

A celebration of Peter's life will commence at Shikany's Funeral Home in Bonita Springs, Florida, Tuesday, August 12th, 2014 with visitation from 3-5pm. Funeral services will be held the morning of Wednesday, August 13th at 10:00am in St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Naples, Florida followed by a luncheon at the Palmira Country Club in Bonita Springs. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The Liberty Youth Ranch (a Bonita Springs FL home for disadvantaged children, <http://www.libertyyouthranch.org/>). His family also asks, that individuals commit a random act of kindness in their own community this week in honor of Peter's legacy.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **12**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
28300 Tamiami Trail So.
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
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Tribute Wall



“ *Peter Robert Van Leight*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Guardian Angel Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Peter Robert Van Leight.*



August 13, 2014 at 09:26 AM



“ *Dear Van Leight Family,
Please accept our deepest sympathy and condolences for Peter. He was truly one in a million. He was a brilliant master of wit and repartee, but also a guy who cared about doing the right thing in life; always. I will never forget his kindness and camaraderie, nor his enlightening emails that seemed to always nail exactly what I had been thinking about a subject.
May God Bless Peter and all of you who grieve his loss. Be comforted in knowing that we are keeping Peter and all of you in our thoughts in prayers.
All our love!
Ted, Nicole, Clyde Shannon*

Ted Shannon - August 12, 2014 at 02:20 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Peter Robert Van Leight.*



August 12, 2014 at 06:34 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peter Robert Van Leight.*



August 11, 2014 at 04:27 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peter Robert Van Leight.*



August 11, 2014 at 01:01 PM



“ *Imagination Blooms was purchased for the family of Peter Robert Van Leight.*



August 11, 2014 at 11:41 AM

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“ Victoria,

Dave and I were shocked to hear of Peter's passing. We would like to extend our prayers and deepest sympathy.

Joan and Dave Schmid

Joan Schmid - August 11, 2014 at 09:36 AM