



Manuel F. Pita

July 7, 1929 - February 10, 2013

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Manuel F. Pita, 83, passed away unexpectedly and peacefully on Sunday, February 10 in his West Hartford home with his loving wife, Ana, by his side. He was born on July 7, 1929 in Camagüey, Cuba.

Manuel Pita came to the United States in 1960 to live the American dream. He and his new wife departed Cuba with only two suitcases. He pledged to follow his passion and build a strong and nurturing family.

While working for Aetna Inc. during the day, he studied art at the University of Hartford in the evening. Following in the footsteps of his great grandfather whose paintings were exhibited at the Museum of Havana, Manuel started a fine art and restoration business upon his retirement from Aetna after 20 years.

He painted right up until the day he died in his home art studio. His works of art include his vivid memories of Cuba; portraits of his family; still life and impressionistic works. He often spent his days looking through art books for inspiration.

Manuel is survived by his wife, Ana Pita of West Hartford; his son Carlos Pita

and wife, Mary of Simsbury; his son Paul Pita and wife, Kim of Rocky Hill; four grandchildren whom he adored, Kyle, Brandon, Jordan and Alexandra. He is also survived by two sisters, Hortensita Guerro of Atlanta, GA and Martha Cornell, of Jupiter, Fla. He joins his brother, Enrique Pita, in heaven who passed away three years ago.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, February 18, 2013 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Donations in lieu of flowers can be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill Cemetery

453 Fairfield Ave.
Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

PS

“ *Carlos: you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. He is at peace with our Lord God Bless you Pete and DottySstevens*

P.H. Stevens - February 21, 2013 at 04:19 PM

SR

“ *To Paul Pita and family,
Wishing you the most sincere sympathy at this time, and wishing you peace in the difficult days ahead and hoping your father's triumphs prevail in your hearts for all the years to come.*

Sandy Rodriguez

Sandy Rodriguez - February 18, 2013 at 10:36 PM

CB

“ *I truly enjoyed meeting Senor Pita as he as known at Lux Bond & Green. Even though the time I spent with him was limited, we had some very interesting conversations. I will miss his beautiful smile and the twinkle in his eye. May God bless all of the Pita family during this time of loss.*

Caroline Berrettini - February 17, 2013 at 10:19 PM

PA

“ Con gran sentimiento y profundo dolor lei la defuncion de mi amigo Manuel Pita. Me recuerdo de hace 50 anos cuando vivian en prospect ave, en los altos de Chamero y mi esposa Amelia y yo viviamos al frente de uds en Prospect Ave.Despues con el transcurso de los anos nos encontrabamos en los pasillos de la Aetna y hablamos de Cuba y por supuesto de Camaguey(aunque yo soy de Ciego de Avila, hice my ultimo ano de bachillerato en los Maristas de la Vigia). La ultmas vez que me recuerdo haber hablado con el fue hace unos anos cuando nos .encontramos en el West Farm Mall. Siempre lo recordare como un hombre educado,sincero, apreciado por sus amistades y con esa calma de un hombre que daba gusto establecer una conversacion con el. Lo recodare en mis oraciones y pedire al Senor que le permita llevar su alma a la fuente de la Vida Eterna.

Con nuestros mas sinceros sentimientos

Pedro y Amelia Aguero

Pedro Aguero - February 17, 2013 at 04:03 PM

LE

“ Dear Calos and family ,
Vicki and I are saddened to learn of your father's death. Our very best to you at this difficult time.

Lenny and Vicki Eisenfeld

Lenny Eisenfeld - February 17, 2013 at 10:21 AM

BG

“ Dear Mrs. Pita,
My mom Mollie Gerber worked with Manuel for many years in the 70's at the Aetna. My name is Glenn Gerber. It was this connection that led me to have a joint exhibit of my artwork with Manuel. He was a very talented, likable & soft spoken person that I greatly admired. Manuel had the uncommon gift to capture a colorful scene or the personality of a subject in a portrait painting. I want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.
Beth & Glenn Gerber-Tariffville, CT.



Beth & Glenn Gerber - February 16, 2013 at 11:29 AM

CC

“ Dear Pita family, my heart is so sad for your loss. Mr. Pita was such a gentle and kind man. He always wore a warm smile and had an equally warm hug every time I saw him. I hope your happy memories will help you through this sad time. He will always have a special place in my heart.
Love to you all, Christine Cloud

Christine Cloud - February 16, 2013 at 07:39 AM