



## Peter Edward Steinle

November 19, 2024

Peter Edward Steinle died peacefully in his home surrounded by his family on November 19, 2024.

Peter was born on March 7, 1939, in Birmingham, Michigan to Duane Steinle and Virginia Christensen Steinle. His family lived briefly in New Britain and moved to West Hartford when he was a very young child. A talented athlete, Peter could be seen gracing the football field, the track, or the wrestling mat at Hall High, Vermont Academy, and Middlebury College, where he played fullback for the Panthers.

After serving six years in the US Army in Germany, France, and Vietnam and earning a Purple Heart, a Bronze Star, and an Army Commendation Medal, he and his family moved back to West Hartford in 1968, where they've resided for the past 56 years. Much of that time, Peter sold insurance for Connecticut Mutual and later MassMutual, always putting his client's needs ahead of his own interest.

While at Middlebury, Peter met Virginia Lynn Miller who became his wife of 62 years and his partner for life. He often told the story of their first meeting and how it was love at first sight for him. Theirs was a lifelong love affair.

Peter worked tirelessly for the Middlebury College Alumni Association and

went on to see all three of his children and six grandchildren graduate from Middlebury. Peter was also active in his local community, serving as president of the West Hartford Little League and other organizations and was ever present on the sidelines of his children's and grandchildren's sporting events.

An avid fisherman and hunter, Peter's idea of a perfect afternoon included spending time in nature and walking in the woods with friends or family. His long affiliation with East Haddam Fishing and Game Club was one of the true joys of his adult life.

Peter loved deeply and put family first. He was unassuming, loyal, and upbeat — the bedrock of his tight knit family. He liked nothing better than spending time with his beloved wife, Lynn, his children and grandchildren, and a handful of longtime friends, sharing music and laughter and making special memories. Those who Peter loved always felt it intensely.

Peter is survived by his wife, Lynn, and his brothers, John and Edward. He is also survived by his son Thomas and daughter-in-law Ann of West Hartford and their children Sarah, Miller, and Peter, his daughter Susan and son-in-law John McKenzie of Akron, Ohio, and their children Jack and Hannah, and his son Peter and daughter-in-law Lila of San Francisco, California, and their daughters Ava and Brooke. He is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Christine Steinle De'ak.

A celebration of life will be held from 11:30-2:30 pm on Friday, December 20th at The Hartford Golf Club, 134 Norwood Rd, West Hartford, Connecticut with remembrances from 11:30-12:30 and a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation on Peter's behalf to Tunnel to Towers online at [t2t.org](http://t2t.org) or by mail to 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, New York 10306.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC **20**. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Hartford Golf Club  
134 Norwood Rd.  
West Hartford, CT  
<http://www.hartfordgolfclub.org>

# Tribute Wall

WD

“ *To the Steinle family,  
My father, brother, and I as well as many others had plenty of great experiences with Pete at EHF&G over 5 decades. We appreciated his many contributions to the Club and will remember him fondly. Our hearts go out to you.  
Warren Dibble & Dibble family*

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**Warren Dibble** - December 19, 2024 at 07:37 AM

AP

“ *I was so blessed to meet Pete Steinle as a freshman at Middlebury with Sue. He was simply a role model for dads in his warmth, generosity of spirit, enthusiasm, and friendliness. My first tailgate! The Steinle family had a huge impact on my young life. God bless all of you in this sad time.*

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**Ann Gilmore Pelaez** - November 26, 2024 at 06:15 PM

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“ To the family of Peter Steinle: Lynn, Tom, Susan and Peter,

*Our hearts and thoughts are with you on the passing of your beloved Peter.*

*We have very fond memories of the years shared with you at Conard where we were fortunate to be involved with the Steinle family through teaching and coaching. It was clear that all three of the Steinle children (Tom, Susan and Peter) were all raised by Lynn and Peter with such love and respect. Lessons and values live on through children and grandchildren in actions and words; no doubt the Steinle family members will continue to share these in their daily lives. Take time to embrace the waves of grief; share stories, laugh, and hold one another closely.*

*Although Coach D'Annolfo passed away this past August 21st, he would want me to share our combined thoughts and love to your family.*

*Suzi and Frank D'Annolfo*

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**Suzi D'Annolfo** - November 25, 2024 at 06:33 PM

AD

“ *I was so sorry to read of Pete's passing. I always enjoyed his company, his humor and his candor. He was such a model of fidelity to family and friends in a world where that is rare. We both lost parents on the same day and that always felt like a thread of a bond. Pete was responsible for me being hired at Connecticut Mutual by simply using his credibility to refer me to the CEO. I had just lost my own father and his support was deeply meaningful to me, well beyond the actual job. Love to Lynn, Tom, Ann and the kiddos as well as the entire Steinle clan. Anne Melissa Dowling*

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**Anne Melissa Dowling** - November 24, 2024 at 08:31 AM

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“ *My memory of Pete began in August 1958 when we met at the Middlebury Football Camp. We became good friends right away and the fun times continued for 66 years as best buddies. My love and sincere sympathy to Lynn and the beautiful Steinle family. I will miss Pete, but I will never forget our friendship and all the wonderful memories together. Gil*

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**Gil Owren** - November 23, 2024 at 09:17 AM