



## Peter Alan Steketee

October 19, 1954 - February 20, 2019

After a long battle with cancer, Peter Steketee of Mount Pleasant, S.C., passed away peacefully at the age of 64. The devoted son to George Steketee and Barbara Merchant Steketee, Peter was born in Toledo, Ohio, on October 19, 1954. He is the proud grandson of Richard and Estella Steketee and Ross and Lona Merchant from Detroit, Mich., where Peter grew up. Peter graduated from Detroit's Redford High School and received his bachelor's degree from Michigan State University.

Peter is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Christine Coppola and his daughter Katie of Chicago, Ill., as well as his siblings with whom he had a very close relationship, Sue Steketee and Nanci Olson of Albuquerque, N.M.; Richard and Nancy Bates of Monroe, N.C.; and Ross Steketee and Angie Dial of Merritt Island, Fla. Peter is also survived by his three loving nieces and one nephew, Jessika Harrison and Amanda Brewer of Lawrenceville, Ga., and Nicole Olivo and Peter Steketee of Vestal, N.Y. Survived by 14 cousins, Peter would tell you time spent with cousins was time very well spent.

After working more than 35 successful years in the hospitality industry, Peter retired in 2016 following nine years as general manager of the Embassy Suites and Convention Center in North Charleston, S.C. Throughout his career, he worked with Holiday Inns Worldwide, InterContinental Hotels & Resorts, and Embassy Suites by Hilton and operated hotels in major cities like Detroit, New York, Philadelphia, Memphis, Tampa and Chicago.

Peter was recognized as general manager of the year in 1996 by Holiday Inns Worldwide and again in 2005 during his tenure with Embassy Suites in Tampa Bay. In 2001, he was named Hotelier of the Year by the Illinois Lodging Association for his team's work in redeveloping Chicago's historic Allerton Hotel.

Peter served his industry and community with his whole heart and was committed to giving back. He was past president and board member of the Charleston Hospitality Association, as well as a valued board member of the Lowcountry Food Bank. Peter also

served on the board of trustees of Trident Technical College Foundation and served on the board of governors for the Charleston Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

During his time in Chicago, Peter served as director and board chair of the Lawson House YMCA, a 480-room facility serving the homeless. He also served on the executive committee of the Chicago Convention & Visitors Bureau and a member of the board of managers of the Metropolitan YMCA of Chicago.

Peter enjoyed playing golf, bicycling, and spending time with family and friends. He was a connoisseur of good food and drink and loved boisterous card and board games.

Peter was a dedicated member of Point Hope United Methodist Church in Mount Pleasant, S.C., and he and his family are deeply thankful for the support he received during his illness by his extended church family. He served for many years as a church leader in various roles.

A memorial service to celebrate Peter's life will be held on March 10th at 2pm at Point Hope UMC, 3404 Turgot Lane, Mt Pleasant, SC. The family will receive visitors one hour after the service in the fellowship hall.

Donations in Peter's memory can be made to the Lowcountry Food Bank ([www.lowcountryfoodbank.org](http://www.lowcountryfoodbank.org)) or your local food bank ([www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank](http://www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank)).

# Events

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**MAR**   **Memorial Service**   02:00PM

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Point Hope UMC

3404 Turgot Lane, Mt. Pleasant, SC, US

# Comments

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peter Alan Steketee.



March 08 at 04:23 PM

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“ Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Peter Alan Steketee.



March 08 at 10:45 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peter Alan Steketee.



March 07 at 08:50 AM

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“ My family was so fortunate to meet and become friends with Peter and his family in Chicago. I admired Peter as a father; enjoyed his company and humor, and respected how he treated everyone -friend and stranger alike - with genuine warmth.

**Fred** - February 28 at 01:02 PM

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“ Peter will always be "The Social Chairman" in my mind.  
I will always remember his smiling face.  
I can still hear Peter at the bridge table with all his famous sayings.  
Who is Gwen Morton anyway?

Peggy Ridgway - February 27 at 11:58 AM

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“ Peter was always an inspiration to me. He was always so kind and humorous that it was a pleasure to work with him. I am so sad that he is gone, but glad to know his pain has gone as well. He put the smile in hospitality.

God bless you all as you remember this wonderful man and incredibly kind person.

Sincerely,  
Chris Rudisill



Chris Rudisill - February 26 at 06:51 PM

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“ What a loss. I had the privilege to work with Peter in HI FORT LEE for about 3 years. Great boss. Always supportive. One of those people I will always remember. great memories

Tracy - February 26 at 02:40 PM

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“ I worked with Peter at the Allerton during the pre-renovation and the Grand Opening as the Executive Chef. We spent many hours walking the building, discussing blueprints, delivery dates and drinking across the street. He was a great GM who led by example and an even-hand. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Peter, thanks for the great memories.

Chef Christopher C. Ala

Chef Christopher Ala - February 26 at 02:12 PM



“ God Bless you Peter. You'll never know how much I admired you and how much you meant to my career. I should have told you. I'm grateful to have known you. God bless your family. And, thank you.  
France Langan

France Langan - February 26 at 11:35 PM



“ So many fun times with you guys. I am so sorry to see this, but know that Peter lived his best life!

Kathy Kraft



**Kathy Kraft** - February 26 at 10:13 AM

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“ Peter was my boss for 3 years at the Alberton. I loved his way of talking care of everything and everyone. He was my inspiration and teacher, i learned from Him how to care for others and be positive in life. My deepest sympathies to his family. RIP boss



**Teodora** - February 26 at 02:54 AM

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“ I was blessed to work with Peter at the Allerton pre-renovation and he was one of the best GMs and “partners in crime” that I have ever worked with. Wishing you and your family peace and strength during this difficult time.

**Karen Angelastro Mitchell** - February 26 at 01:19 AM

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“ Christine and Katie.....I am so sorry to read this. My heart aches for you at this time. Peter was my first neighbor that shoveled my walk to take care of “the old lady next door”.

**Barbara Johnson** - February 25 at 09:13 PM

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“ Many, many happy memories of our times together on the shores of Lake Huron.

Clark Chapin - February 25 at 05:51 PM

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“ My dearest cousin, your absence is felt by all your cousins who have loved you so very much and will keep you ever present in our hearts and minds. Cousin Liz

Liz Rohs - February 25 at 08:46 AM

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“ A little candle for peter.. we pray for peter. And wish the family all power they Need.



Family Wolf - February 23 at 11:30 PM

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“ I was truly blessed to have known Peter for as many years as I did. A fantastic human being. RIP friend, your journey continues in the heavens.



Jullie Campbell - February 23 at 06:48 PM

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“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Peter Alan Steketee.



February 23 at 12:45 PM



“ Andrea Harvey lit a candle in memory of Peter Alan Steketee



**Andrea Harvey** - February 23 at 07:48 AM

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“ Wendy Vincent lit a candle in memory of Peter Alan Steketee



**Wendy Vincent** - February 22 at 08:25 PM

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“ A devoted family man, a loyal friend, and the consummate professional. Everyone who knew Peter will miss him.

**Tom Doyle** - February 22 at 06:35 PM

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“ Bobby Pilch lit a candle in memory of Peter Alan Steketee



**Bobby Pilch** - February 22 at 10:59 AM

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“ Sandy Oja Browning lit a candle in memory of Peter Alan Steketee



Sandy Oja Browning - February 22 at 10:56 AM