



## Peter Edward Meagher

October 25, 1919 - August 20, 2018

Peter Edward Meagher, 98, of Traverse City and formerly of Pontiac passed away Monday, August 20, 2018 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Peter was born on October 25, 1919 to the late Peter and Mabel (Confer) Meagher in Duluth, MN. Peter was in the 8th grade when he met the love of his life and in 1939 he married the former Lois Elaine Kirby in Rockford, IL.

In June of 1944, Peter enlisted in the service where he served with The United States Army, Troop B 7th Cavalry in the Pacific. He was discharged in 1946, after receiving a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. Peter was very proud of his service to our country and in later years spent many hours reading about WW II and war related histories.

Peter and Lois made their home in Pontiac, where they began their life together. They were blessed and raised six children while Peter worked in sales and became the branch manager for Hodges Plumbing Supply. Peter and Lois retired to Traverse City where Peter was a member of the Elks and an active member of St. Francis Catholic Church where he faithfully served at funeral masses. He was a prolific reader, enjoyed working out at the health club until recently and dearly loved his dog, Bobby.

Peter is survived by his children, Kirby "Skip" (Janet) Meagher, Joan (Alan Reiner) Bacon, Peter (Martha) Meagher III, Kathy (Jason) Hunt and Timothy Meagher; grandchildren, Garry Crake, Lori (John) Carlson, Vicki(Kevin) O'Grady, Lisa (Bob) Ascom, Lynn (Mike) Kimmel, Michelle (Larry) Huston, Aaron (Katie) Karnell, Katie (Calvin) Bushor, Jenny (Rich) Haelstedt, David (Susan) Hunt, Leslie (Scott) Loewe and Brian Hunt; 21 great grandchildren and 3 great- great grandchildren. Peter was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Maurice, brother Bobby, sister Louise and his beloved wife of 73 years, Lois; and a daughter Patricia Crake-Hardy.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, August 24, 2018 at St. Francis Catholic Church, 1025 S. Union, Traverse City, with visitation one-hour prior. The

Rev. Fr. Kenneth Stachnik will preside. Burial will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, August 25, 2018 at All Saints Cemetery, 4401 Nelsey Road. Waterford, MI.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be directed to Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools, 123 E. Eleventh St., Traverse City, MI 49684.

# Cemetery

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## All Saints Cemetery

4401 Nelsey Road  
Waterford Township, MI,  
48329

# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. Francis Catholic Church  
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**AUG** **Graveside Service** 01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Grandpa Pete always lightened the atmosphere. You'd say, "Hey Grandpa Pete, you look good for 95," and he'd say, "You're only saying that 'cause it's true!" He had an easy, joking manner about him, but you'd be mistaken if you thought that lightness meant he hadn't dedicated himself to life's most serious vocations: serving in the military with honor in a time of war, marrying for life, raising six children, and being a dedicated man of faith. His father made a success of himself in Duluth, MN, in the railroad and mining supply business, having come from Ireland at the age of three, and Grandpa Pete, in turn, distinguished himself in business by managing a plumbing supply company for many years. He was a decorated veteran of the Second World War and a man who never veered from his duty to his wife and children. You could easily be intimidated by all his accomplishments, but he never made you feel intimidated. Instead, he was humble, and easy to be with--and if you asked him you could get him to tell you a story or two.

For me, Grandpa Pete is a symbol of duty, faith, commitment, and love, and an instruction book on how to give meaning to those ideals in the way you live your life.

--Aaron K.

Aaron Karnell - September 09, 2018 at 10:47 AM

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“ Kathy and family,  
So sorry to hear a great man passed. Pete was as good as they come. He not only put up with our shenanigans during high school, he never complained about the beer we always thought we were sneaking. I did in recent years get a chance to apologize. He said “ for what” with his great smile.  
Thanks to Pete I also got a good job at Hodges.  
Your dad was a gem.



Gary Vidor - September 04, 2018 at 04:59 PM

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“ Peter was such an interesting gentleman, whom I often enjoyed talking with at the library. He sure did love his books. I'm sorry for your loss of him.

May he Rest In Peace with his beloved wife in our Lord's eternal home, heaven.

Sincerely,

Mary Orth

**Mary Miller Orth** - August 23, 2018 at 08:19 AM



“ Peter and Lois were a wonderful couple who had many years together/ my father/ vere Hodges was very fortunate to have Peter as manager of Hodges supply for many years/ hugs to all - Richard and Ann Hodges brown

**ann brown** - August 23, 2018 at 05:10 PM

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“ My kids were little when we lived on Hilltop Ave and used to walk past Pete walking his Schnauzer at Cherrywood Condominiums. He always had a great story. Fast forward 20 yrs and I was still watching for him driving his Mini Cooper through town.

**Peggy Stych** - August 23, 2018 at 07:47 AM

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**Vicki O'Grady** - August 23, 2018 at 05:40 AM