



Derio Peter Dalessandro

February 4, 1925 - October 15, 2017

Derio Peter (Pete) Dalessandro, son to Ferdinand Dalessandro and Angelina D'Angelo and brother to three siblings, passed from heart failure on October 15, 2017, at the age of 92. He had three children with his first wife, a cancer victim, gaining four more upon marrying Elaine Copeland 20 years ago. He is survived by his wife Elaine, his son, Ralph (Rita) Dalessandro, daughter Angela Bequette, daughter Rochelle (Patrick) Brown, stepson Gary Copeland, stepdaughter Vickie (Larry) Kessler, stepdaughter Karen (Todd) O'Neil, stepdaughter Debbie (Reg) Craigo, twelve grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren.

Pete was a WWII Navy veteran, making some 40+ runs in a landing craft (LST 983) delivering men, tanks, and material to Omaha Beach, the first three under fire on 'D' Day. Pete was proud of being a WWII veteran. Not a day went by when someone didn't engage him in a conversation about his military cap that he never left home without. After the military Pete had a long career at GM working at the Tech Center in Warren, MI, and then retiring from the Proving Ground in Milford, MI. His hobby for many years was boating and working on racing engines for both cars and boats. He ran an auto and boat repair shop in his Michigan backyard until 1995 when he moved his shop down to the Florida Keys and ran it until 2004. Then his passion became his 36 foot motorhome which he and Elaine traveled cross country in every year until recently selling it. The day he had his heart attack he had been working

with his good friend and neighbor on the neighbor's model A Ford...doing what he loved to the end.

The family plans a military memorial and internment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Road, Holly, Michigan 48442 on Friday, November 3, 2017. You are required to arrive no later than 12:30 pm. The service is very short and will be followed by a meal at the Villagers Family Restaurant located at 1121 N Saginaw Street, Holly, MI 48442, just 4 miles from the cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Derio Peter Dalessandro*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Derio Peter Dalessandro*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Elaine,i have only met Pete a few times but he just was a neat person to talk to ,the first time i met him was when you lived down in Isle Merado in the keys and he cooked dinner for 6 of us and WOW was it delicious,,, main course was fish,he sure knew how to bring out the flavor.. He then took us all on a tour of the island and some of the hot spots---- he sure showed us a good time then a few other times was in Michigan and also Fort Meade ,FI just such a personable guy,,,, so very sorry for you and your family ,, keep memories in you heart ,,,,,,,,thinking of you ,,Gay Oesterle [Nadine`s sister-in-law]*

Gay Oesterle - October 24, 2017 at 02:09 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Sending healing thoughts and prayers to Angela and the family.*

Rebecca Neagle

Rebecca Neagle - October 24, 2017 at 09:30 AM

BL

“ I'm am so very sorry for your loss, Angela. I'm thinking of you and your family and wishing you all comfort in the days ahead.
Sincerely, Beth Lewis

Beth Lewis - October 24, 2017 at 09:29 AM

SW

“ Angela and family, we are sorry for your loss. Thinking of you for care and comfort, Sharon Welker

Sharon Welker - October 24, 2017 at 08:40 AM

WM

“ My thought and prayers are with you and your family during these difficult times. May God bless you and your family.

Walter Martin

walter martin - October 21, 2017 at 12:28 AM

VK

“ Will miss our many times of playing Farkle, Dice and Rummey. RIP Peter D.

Vickie Kessler - October 18, 2017 at 11:20 PM



Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Elaine, at this time of grief. We enjoyed the times you and Pete came to Gary's home and had family get-togethers. The things we remember most were when Pete made a pasta meal and he counted the pasta shells for each individual when he served them. Also, the time we played Farkle and he amazed us with his ability to add large numbers in his head. Also, when he took us on a tour of your motor home. Jim & Suzie Perroud

Suzann Perroud - October 31, 2017 at 11:55 AM

RW

Elaine, I so sad for your loss. Pete was a good friend as well as a great boss. He was quick to laugh and always if a great mood. When he came to the Military section of the Proving Grounds He took the entire group out to lunch at Christmas time. The bill was over \$450 and he was glad to pay.. Love Hlm. Richard Woodcox

richard woodcox - November 08, 2017 at 10:07 AM

JE

“ *Jean & Wayne Edwards lit a candle in memory of Derio Peter Dalessandro*



Jean & Wayne Edwards - October 18, 2017 at 08:18 AM

JE

Angela and family, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with each one during this difficult time.

Jean and Wayne Edwards - October 18, 2017 at 08:20 AM

SL

*We are heartbroken to hear of Pete's passing. We met him in the keys and shared many good memories. He lived life like there was no end. Condolences to the family.
Sue and George Lloyd*

sue lloyd - October 18, 2017 at 02:25 PM

MO

Pete spent a lot of hours working on our 29 Model A Ford. He remembered them well. A good friend who is not afraid to tell you when you are wrong is hard to find. His last day with us was full of good memories. To his family, we love you and grieve for you. Miles and Joan Van Orman

Miles Van Orman - October 18, 2017 at 09:31 PM

DM

“ *I was sorry to hear of Pete's passing. My condolences to all.*

Darla Miller - October 17, 2017 at 12:57 PM