



## John P Simke

March 1, 1939 - August 6, 2020

John Peter Simke, 81, passed away on August 6, 2020 at the Crossbreeze Healthcare Center in Sarasota, Florida. He was born in Portugal on March 1, 1939 to Hans and Helen Simke. His parents had immigrated from Germany because his father was Jewish. When he was a toddler they came to America. He grew up in Cliffside Park, New Jersey. Peter met Ingrid Mattsson from NYC at Luther College in Iowa. They married in December of 1959. They lived in Mahopac, New York for nine years and then moved to Upper Mount Bethel, Pennsylvania. He was a neuropharmacologist for 32 years who worked for what has become Novartis.

Peter and Ingrid were avid outdoors people who loved tennis, backpacking, spelunking, scuba diving and boating. In the town of Bangor, he was well-known for his batches of "Petey Wine". When they retired they moved to Englewood, Florida. They became integral volunteers for the Suncoast Humane Society near their home, and have fostered and adopted many cats and dogs over the years.

Peter is survived by Ingrid, his wife of 60 years. They have two sons, Brad (Mary Jo) and their sons Ryan and Connor; also, Greg (Sylvia) and children Alec and Nicole. Additionally, he is survived by his two sisters Barbara Oehme and Cathy (Phil) Nordstrom.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Pete's name to the Suncoast Humane Society 6871 San Casa Drive, Englewood, FL 34224.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. located at 135 N Lime Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34237. 941-365-1767 [www.gendronfuneralhome.com](http://www.gendronfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *John P Simke*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *John P Simke*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *The Sage Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John P Simke.*



**The Sage Family** - August 29, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ *My mom and I were able to see him one last time last year. I'm so glad I could have a chance to say hi to him before it was too late. He was a great opa, and I'll never forget all the summers I spent with him and Oma in Florida.*



**Nicole Simke** - August 19, 2020 at 09:33 PM

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“Pete was my big brother and I have fond memories of playing together until he reached the age of chasing the ladies. Then he dropped me like a hot potato! Our family life was rich with family trips to Daytona in the 1950s at Christmastime, holiday visits to family on Long Island NY and many visits to Palisades Park in our home town. He had a long life filled with travel with Ingrid and the boys. Phil and I took several Caribbean cruises with Pete and Ingrid...lots of fun! His work at Ciba-Geigy was important to us all. His gardening skills were amazing, proving that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

His passing leaves an empty space right now, but fond memories will help. Rest in peace dear Pete,  
Cathy



Cathy Simke Nordstrom - August 19, 2020 at 03:26 PM

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My greatest memory of my dear younger brother, Peter, will always be his kindness, generosity and sense of humor. When we were younger he always tried to play the tough guy, but the sweetness always shone through. I was blessed to call him my brother and although I will miss him, these memories will always be a source of comfort. May you rest in peace, my dear brother!

Barbara

barbara oehme - August 19, 2020 at 05:05 PM



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**Greg Simke** - August 19, 2020 at 09:23 AM