



## Peter D. Didsbury

September 29, 1943 - April 18, 2022

COLUMBIA – Peter D. Didsbury, 78, of Columbia, passed away on Monday morning, April 18, 2022, at his home after a year-long battle with cancer.

He was born in Syracuse, N.Y., on Sept. 29, 1943, a son to Richard and Pauline (Gensel) Didsbury. He spent his early years in Conifer, N.Y., and attended junior high school in Tupper Lake, where he enjoyed playing football. His family relocated to North Stratford after that and he was a 1963 graduate of North Stratford High School.

After high school, Peter enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served with honor until 1967. It was in the Navy that he was trained as an air traffic controller. Following his military service, he married Annie Fuller in 1969, and then he worked for the next 26 years as an air traffic controller for the F.A.A., first in Buffalo, N.Y., and later in Boston at Logan Airport. In 1995, Peter retired and they moved back north and built his dream home on Fish Pond in Columbia.

Peter loved woodworking and fashioned much of the furniture in his home. He loved to maintain and work on his log home, as well. In his early years, he loved to hunt and build huts with his friends and he also enjoyed brook fishing with his father-in-law. One of Peter's favorite things to do was to go out for coffee each morning at Howard's Restaurant with "the guys." He also loved to cook and was famous for "Pistol Pete's" chili. His grandchildren were his pride and joy, and loved being with them as much as possible.

He is survived by his loving wife Annie (Fuller) Didsbury of Columbia; two daughters, Cheryl Didsbury of Errol and Carolyn Didsbury of Woburn, Mass.; his three grandchildren, Jessica (Cameron) Harrison of Plymouth, N.H., Erika Rothrock of Somerville, Mass., and Joey (Nicole) Didsbury of Campton, N.H.; one he considered as close as a sister, Kathy Nugent of New York; as well as nieces, nephews and cousins.

Peter is predeceased by his father, Richard Didsbury; his mother, Pauline Richmond; and a sister, Delite "Sissy" LeClair; and his in-laws who he adored, Darwin and Edna Fuller.

Calling hours will be on Sunday, May 1, 2022, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A funeral will take place the next morning, Monday, May 2, at 11 a.m. at the 1st Baptist Church in North Stratford. Burial will immediately follow, with military honors, at the Center Cemetery in Stratford.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Didsbury may be made to the 1st Baptist Church, P.O. Box 28, North Stratford, NH 03590.

Condolences may be offered to the family online by going to [www.jenkinsnewman.com](http://www.jenkinsnewman.com).

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.

# Cemetery Details

## Center Cemetery

U.S. Route 3  
STRATFORD - 03590, NH 03590

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 1.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home  
103 Main Street  
Colebrook, NH 03576  
[info@jenkinsnewman.com](mailto:info@jenkinsnewman.com)

## Funeral

**MAY 2.** 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
Main Street  
North Stratford, NH

# Tribute Wall

MJ

“ We are so very sorry to hear of the loss of Peter. He was such a lovely man. Sending sincere condolences to the entire family. Michele and Rick Johnsen

Michele Johnsen - May 01 at 06:11 PM

TT

“ Annie and family, my deepest sympathy and condolences go out to you now during this sorrowful time. Pete was a good man and friend. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Tony Turke - April 30 at 09:59 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peter D. Didsbury.



April 29 at 10:21 PM

WM

“ Walter and Margret purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Peter D. Didsbury.



Walter and Margret - April 27 at 02:13 PM

NG

“ Annie & family, I am sooo sorry for your loss. Annie, I reconnectes with Pete last year. I still have Christmas cards from you to my mom & dad. I wish I could have visited you after Pete & I connected. Prayers for you and the family at this time.



Nancy Jamison Ganoe - April 26 at 08:06 PM

RB

“ So sorry to hear about your dad, Cheryl. Condolences to you and your family. May he always be in your heart and watching over you from above. Robin & Bob Bickford

Robin Bickford - April 26 at 05:55 PM

WF

“ With deepest sympathy the Maaser Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Peter D. Didsbury.



With deepest sympathy the Maaser Family - April 25 at 11:17 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Peter D. Didsbury.



April 24 at 11:43 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Peter D. Didsbury.



April 21 at 03:13 PM

FD

“ FW Dustin lit a candle in memory of Peter D. Didsbury



FW Dustin - April 21 at 11:08 AM

FD

“ I met Pete in the US Navy he was a member of my crew at Alameda Calif Naval Air Station, always liked Pete, and he did not participate in the strike of controllers in 1981, smart decision on his part all of us were terminated and our lives destroyed by the Reagan Administration, that is all I will say about the good decision Peter, Rest in Peace my long lost friend, My condolences to the family Pete was a good friend of mine he even wrote a letter about a traffic accident in the Navy just before I was discharged, he witnessed the rear end collision and wrote a letter for me to that effect in my constant battle with the VA for service connected injury. Thank you Pete it has helped, So sorry you are gone my friend we shared many good times together REST IN PEACE I salute you Brother in Arms Rest now I shall miss you.  
FW Dustin

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**FW Dustin** - April 21 at 11:05 AM

EC

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Pete Annie, He was a Great Guy, it was always Fun getting into conversations with him, he'll be missed very much!

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**Ed Carrier** - April 21 at 08:06 AM

RD

*I'm so sorry for your loss*

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**Richard A Dagesse** - April 21 at 09:37 AM

LP

“ Sending my deepest sympathies to the family. I think especially of Annie, Sheryl and Joey. Peter brought Joey for piano lessons for several years. Peter was a true gentleman.  
I know he will be greatly missed. May the wonderful memories comfort you.  
Love, Lynne Placey

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**Lynne Placey** - April 20 at 05:13 PM