



Peter M Barbalas

May 29, 1926 - November 10, 2014

Peter M. Barbalas, 88, passed away November 10, 2014 in his home in Valparaiso, IN.

Peter was born May 29, 1926 in Cincinnati, OH to Manuel and Evdokia Barbalas, Macedonian immigrants from northern Greece. He was proud to have served his country in the US Army in WWII as a rifle sharpshooter, attaining the rank of sergeant. After leaving the Army, Peter received an associate degree in business. He then turned his skills to a career as a traffic and transportation manager for A & P Tea Company, and later Allied Grocers, in charge of retail grocery distribution.

Although living in Valparaiso since 2013, Peter always considered Indianapolis his home and lived there for over 60 years. Peter will be most remembered as a loving and caring husband, father and grandfather who always put his family first on his list of priorities.

He was an avid reader and had a true love of history – and the gift of bringing it alive to others. A “fun guy” to his grandchildren, he also learned to kick up his heels after his retirement, enjoying square and line dancing with his favorite partner, his wife Eleanor “Ellie.” Memorable trips over the years included two trips to China and a 50th-wedding anniversary cruise to Alaska with the entire family, but the trip he always remembered most fondly was a

bicycle trip back in the 1980's, enjoying the fall foliage in Vermont, with Ellie, his son Michael and his daughter-in-law Lorina.

Family and friends will truly miss the smile and gentle humor of this kind and loving man.

Peter was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Jenny DeMoss and brother Lou Barbalas. He is survived by his dance partner of 60 years, Ellie; son Michael (Lorina) Barbalas of Beijing China; daughters-Theresa Barbalas of Virginia Beach, VA., and Mary (Dr. Robert) Ray of Valparaiso; grandchildren Katie (Jim) Conlon, Brian Ray, Krissy (Jason) Roberts, Jonathan Barbalas and David Barbalas; his brothers John and Andy, and his sister Vicky.

Friends are invited to meet with Peter's family on Thursday, November 13, 2014 from 3-7 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 701 E. 7th St., Hobart, IN. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, November 14, 2014 at 2 p.m. at St. Pius X Church, 7200 Sarto Dr., Indianapolis, IN. Visitation at the church from 1 p.m. until the time of mass at 2 p.m. Interment at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery, Indianapolis.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to VNA of Porter County (www.VNAportercounty.org), St. Pius X Catholic Church, 7200 Sarto Dr. Indianapolis, IN or the National Kidney Foundation. www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Peace Cemetery

9001 Haverstick Road
Indianapolis, IN 46240

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **13**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart
701 E. 7th Street
Hobart, IN 46342
(219) 942-1117
info@burnsfuneral.com
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

Visitation

NOV **14**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Pius X Church
7200 Sarto Drive
Indianapolis, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

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Indianapolis, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Peter M Barbalas.* ”



November 13, 2014 at 03:33 AM



“ *Rudolf M. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Peter M Barbalas.* ”



Rudolf M. - November 12, 2014 at 10:12 PM



“ *Linda, Dawn and Julie purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Peter M Barbalas.* ”



Linda, Dawn and Julie - November 12, 2014 at 01:49 PM

JP

“ Dear Barbalas Family,

Peter was wonderful. I am sorry for your loss and for the many years of suffering and trial that were endured through illness. Once, years ago, when Pete was giving a hint as to how to pronounce Barbalas, he said to remember it as in "marvelous". Not only is Barbalas pronounced like marvelous, but Pete was marvelous, and he lived his life with an attitude to match. Surely he is marveling today in the God he hoped to see.

It was a joy to live next door.

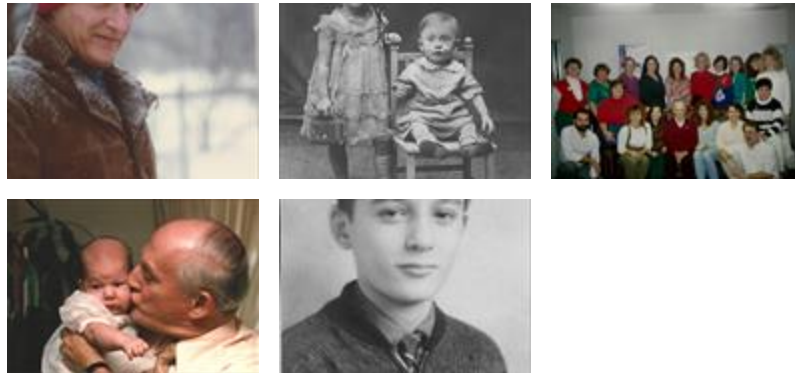
May God Bless You All,

Jane

Jane Pollom - November 12, 2014 at 08:33 AM

TH

“ 76 files added to the album *A Wonderful Life*



Theresa - November 11, 2014 at 03:39 PM

JS

“ *Eternal Memory*



Janet and Skip Stefanovich - November 11, 2014 at 09:20 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Peter M Barbalas.*



November 11, 2014 at 07:03 AM

LJ

“ *My heart goes out to all of the Barbalas family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. May Mr B. Be at peace now. Thinking of everyone of you. Deepest Sympathy. Lori Vernick Jones.*

Lori Jones - November 10, 2014 at 06:34 PM



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November 10, 2014 at 06:24 PM