



# **Herbert Joseph Daniel "Pete" Bird**

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**H**erbert Joseph Daniel "Pete" Bird, age 92, died suddenly on 26 January, 2021, in Millsboro, Delaware.

Pete is survived by his wife, Margaret Mansuy "Peggy" Swetnam, of Ocean View, DE; his daughter, Diana Lynn Martin (Don Simpson), of Phoenix, AZ, his daughter Dawn Lee Tropea (Angelo), of Thorndale, PA, his son David Scott Bird (Lisa), of Millville, DE; his daughter Cynthia Patricia Howland (Matt) of North Dighton, MA, and his brother Richard Edward "Dick" Bird, of Pinola, CA, 19 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren, as well as extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Martin William Bird, of Linden, VA; and his son, Christopher Daniel Bird, of Plymouth Meeting, PA.

Pete was born on 25 November, 1928 in McKees Rocks, PA, to parents Herbert Edward Bird and Estelle Irene Havice. He graduated from High School in 1947 and enlisted the United States Navy. Following active service in the Korean Conflict, he re-enlisted in the Navy as a Data Analyst, and was honorably discharged as a Petty Officer, Second Class.

Always a very precise and trusted worker, he worked as an analyst for the Department of the Navy in Washington D.C., the Comptroller for the City of Compton California, and a Product/Project Manager for Sperry Univac and NCR for many years. After his retirement, he kept busy as a bus driver, first for the Colonial School District in Montgomery County Pennsylvania and then for the Delaware River and Bay Authority in Delaware at the Cape May / Lewes Ferry.

As a loving father, Pete, and his wife Peggy, found great pride in supporting their children in their various scholastic and competitive activities, including diving, swimming, gymnastics, and especially marching band.



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Pete was a reserved and quiet man, who was deeply involved in supporting the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and both the Lutheran and Methodist churches for the majority of his life. He enjoyed doing crossword puzzles in INK, beating Jeopardy contestants to answers, and reading classics of literature. He was also a fine singer, and a lover of big band and swing music. His family and friends will always remember him as an intelligent, caring person, with a wicked sense of humor, and whistle that could tame a snake.

Scheduling of services is pending. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a favorite charity.

The family would like to thank the professionals of the Atlantic Shores Rehabilitation Center and the staff there for all the care they have given Pete and that they continue to provide to Peggy.

"POI!" ~ HJDB 1928-2021

Arrangements by Watson Funeral Home, Millsboro

Electronic condolences via [watsonfh.com](http://watsonfh.com)



## Tribute Wall

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JK

**Jim And Gloria Knittle** lit a candle in honor of Herbert Joseph Daniel "Pete".

to peggy and the bird family please accept our sincere sadness at your loss. we have missed you, pete and tucker on our afternoon walks withour dogs bo and bea. in petes' honor we made a donation in his memory to the american legion. may he rest in deserved peace. jim and gloria knittle

February 4 at 8:00 PM



CN

**Chuck Nelson** lit a candle in honor of Herbert Joseph Daniel "Pete".

Please accept our condolences. Pete was always a bright spot in our day when we encountered him walking Tucker. He has been missed and we know your family is suffering a real loss. Chuck and Barb Nelson

February 3 at 8:00 PM



PL

**Pat & Vic Guempel, Lewes, De** lit a candle in honor of Herbert Joseph Daniel "Pete".

Peggy and family, Please accept our sincere condolences on Pete's passing. I have many fond memories of working with him at the DRBA for 10 years. We always had a great time and I valued his knowledge and advice. I'm sure he will be missed by all whose lives he touched. May he Rest in Peace...

January 31 at 8:00 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Herbert Joseph Daniel "Pete"  
by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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