



# Peter J. Andrulis

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**P**eter J. Andrulis, Jr., Ph.D, a resident of Washington, D.C. for nineteen years and then of Bethesda, MD for twenty-three years died peacefully on Monday, July 30, 2012 at his oceanfront home, Dewey Beach, DE.

Dr. Andrulis began his career as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry at American University and then at Trinity College, both located in Washington, D.C.. While at Trinity, he obtained an agreement with nearby Catholic University to use laboratory space to produce specialty compounds for use in federal research projects. In 1971 in partnership with his wife, Marilyn W. Andrulis, Ph.D., he founded Andrulis Research Corporation with the mission of performing contracted research in the physical, social and life sciences. Within three years the business revenues grew sufficiently enough for Peter to join the firm on a full-time basis. He established a fully-equipped chemistry laboratory with a Good Manufacturing Practices approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and was responsible for obtaining several competitively-awarded Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grants from the federal government. He served as Chairman from the firm's inception to 1992 when he purchased the chemistry business from Andrulis Research and the assets were transferred to Andrulis Pharmaceuticals Corporation. Andrulis Pharmaceuticals produced several platinum compounds that were proven useful in treatment of solid cancer tumors and were memorialized in patents issued to Andrulis Research by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and formally assigned to Andrulis Pharmaceuticals. Dr. Andrulis was an early leader in the use of clinically-pure thalidomide for use in the treatment of inflammatory diseases and is an inventor of many patents covering the use of thalidomide in combination therapy for cancer, neurological disorders, and other inflammatory diseases.

Dr. Andrulis was married for over 48 years to Marilyn who he met in the summer of 1962 when both were summer interns at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Beltsville, MD. His loving and faithful Irish Setter, Sardegna ("Deenya"), "the bird-dog" of Dewey Beach that runs as fast as the birds fly, will keep watch of Marilyn for him. The couple celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in Paris and have traveled extensively in Italy since then.



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Dr. Andrulis is survived by Marilyn and his two highly educated and accomplished sons: his son Peter III has an MBA in Finance by Columbia University and MS degrees in chemistry and in biochemistry, from Tufts University and University of Los Angeles, respectively; and his son Erik has a PhD in biochemistry and molecular biology from the Stony Brook University and 21 peer-reviewed publications. Erik is married to the former Sandra Centoducati of Long Island, NY, and has three children, Bohdan, Sloane and Rylan.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 11, 2012 at 8:00 PM on the Beach at 1 St. Louis Street, Dewey Beach, DE. Attire will be beach casual. Dr. Andrulis will be buried at sea on Sunday, August 12, 2012, three miles due east of his Dewey Beach residence. Burial at Sea will be Private. Arrangements are being handled by Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Lewes, DE.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Parkinson's Action Network, 1025 Vermont Avenue NW Suite 1120, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Please sign Dr. Andrulis' online guestbook on this page.


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# Events

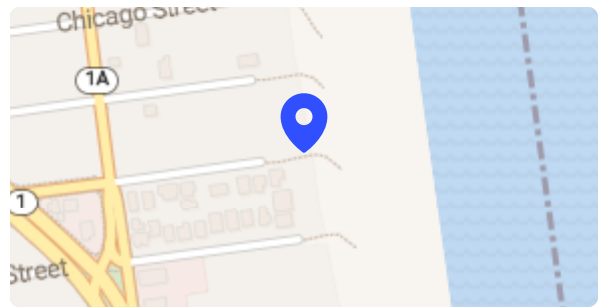
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## Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, August 11, 2012

 8:00 PM ET

 **On the Beach at St. Louis Street**  
1 St. Louis Street, Dewey Beach DE





## Tribute Wall

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WP

**William Parker** posted:

Marilyn, As I watched the tribute growing at Bethesda/Walter Reed today for President Trump, I was carried back to when I was employed by the Andrulis Research Corporation in Bethesda and we could see the helicopters landing at Bethesda from our office window at ARC. You guys brought me all the way from Hawaii to consult on Marine Corps Planning applications when I was on active duty with Fleet Marine Forces Pacific. Later, after I retired, you guys hired me to work for you on Navy and Marine Programs. You and Peter were always supportive and a joy to work for!! My wife and I are now in a Retirement Community in Asheville, NC, but I still have two Andrulis Research Corporation tee shirts I received in 1991 at one of the company picnics! I am sorry to hear about the loss of Peter. His research inspired me to now be President of a 501 (c) (3) corporation raising funds for leading edge research into the causes and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease. Since 1999, we have raised over \$9.2 million and given it out in 55 Research Grants. God bless you and your family! Bill Parker LtCol USMC (Ret)

October 4 at 6:23 AM

MF

**Mike Fopma** posted:

Marilyn, I have so many fond memories of working for your company and meeting you and Peter. I remember having an office next to him on East-West Hwy and always talking about different stocks. He was a really good man and still is. I thank you both for the mentoring you provided in my life. May God Bless you Both, Mike Fopma

March 11 at 3:33 PM

JD

**Jane E. Rosen, Ph.D.** posted:

Dr. Andrulis was my organic chemistry professor at American University in 1970 where I did my undergraduate work as a chemistry major. He was inspirational and it was his excitement and motivation about science and chemistry that led me to pursue my career as a scientist. He cared about his students and he personally gave me the courage to forge ahead when all the work became overwhelming....and I was about to change majors. I pursued a graduate career and obtained both an MS in chemistry and an MS in biology as well as a Ph.D. in Biochemistry/Biophysics....and it was all due to Dr. Andrulis. No mentor/professor has ever come close to representing the inspiration, creativity and excitement about science that I obtained from Dr. Andrulis. I am very saddened by his loss ....the world has lost an incredibly brilliant and special human being! My condolences to his entire family over this loss.

March 22 at 8:00 PM



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DH

**Diana Hopkins** posted:

So sorry for your loss, Marilyn. Be well.Diana

October 8 at 8:00 PM

AB

**Anna Legates And Ed Beste** posted:

Dear Marilyn, Peter's entrepreneurial spirit in chemistry is a role model for all scientists. His ever inquisitive mind opened many doors for society. Our fondest memories of Peter revolve around his love of music, travel, the ocean, and You – his beloved wife and soul mate. Such passion and mutual love is to be forever celebrated. Thank you for being such good neighbors. We look forward to those casual conversations and updates with you and "Deenya" between St. Louis and West Streets. With sincere condolences, Anna Legates and Ed Beste

September 17 at 8:00 PM

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JC

**John Chapel** posted:

It was a pleasure to know both Peter and Marilyn.

August 13 at 8:00 PM

CR

**Cindy Rickards** posted:

Thinking of the family in this time of reflection.

August 12 at 8:00 PM



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DL

**Don And Lisa Lindler** posted:

Marni, We are very sorry for your loss. We have fond memories of working for you and Peter on Antrac/Sub. Don and Lisa Lindler

August 11 at 8:00 PM

HM

**Hemant And Kumudini Misra** posted:

This is very sad and shocking news to hear, that Peter has passed away. I spent more than four years working with him and learned a great lesson from his passion and personality. He was very kind and friendly to us. He was a great father and friend with his two sons Peter III and Erik, who both worked during the summer that I was working at Andrulis. Peter was a great teacher and boss to work with and we will miss him greatly. I truly appreciate all of the help and guidance he provided me, and still consider him a dear mentor to this day. Our deepest prayers go out to his family.

August 11 at 8:00 PM

IA

**Isaac Angres** posted:

The Angres family wishes to give Marilyn and his family the heartiest condolences in the passing of Peter. I met Peter for first time fresh out of graduate school in 1975 and wanted to synthesize anticancer agents with him. I was given a part-time opportunity to do this while he had space at Catholic University. During that time I synthesized thiobenzophenone oxide for trials in cancer treatment. Peter entrusted me with writing his entire thalidomide patent portfolio on numerous treatments. During the time of writing those cases, I was truly amazed at the energy level Peter had. We worked long hours writing those cases but He was always encouraging us because He truly beleived that thalidomide therapy would change the way cancer would be treated due it's angiogenic activity. Mailyn and Peter were always gracious hosts to Barbara and I and thew dinners and wine at their house in Bethesda were always memorable. Of course there were also many other memorable stories that peter and Marilyn shared with us. Peter spoke fondly of the summer they spend in Sardinia and how beautiful their villa was and the opera right below their balcony. Peter always wanted to have a summer home in Sardinia or other locations in Italy. He shared some interesting and funny stories about real estate transactions in Italy and how basically there was no guarantee of full title to a home there. Peter we will miss you and those great lunches at Landini's in Alexandria and at Tia Queta in Bethesda. I will always treasure the trust you gave me in handling all your thalidomide patents.

August 8 at 8:00 PM



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HK

**Haig Yeni-Komshian** posted:

Dear Dr. Andrulis, We were very sorry to learn of your great loss. Please accept our sincere condolences. Haig Yeni-Komshian

August 7 at 8:00 PM

NN

**Nurse Nanci** posted:

Marilyn, my thoughts are with you and your family. I had just met Peter a few months ago, but soon learned of his great achievements, his love of jazz music and his sense of humor. It was a pleasure visiting with him and his family at his 'beautiful place by the sea'.

August 7 at 8:00 PM

TF

**Trish & Jim Freeman** posted:

Dearest Marilyn, it was with a very sad heart that we learned in the Washington Post that we had lost Peter. I knew he had developed Parkinson's as my Mother did, but she struggled with it from the time she was 15 until we lost her at 65. We never dreamed we would lose Peter so very quickly. I hope you are well and dealing as best you can. Jim and I both have very fond and loving memories of Peter. I remember when Jim first received his cancer diagnosis, Peter was the first to call asking what he could do to help. . . and he meant it! Please let me know if there is anything we can do for you. As you probably very well know, we came to love you and Peter very much during my days at Andrulis. You two were my ideal of what a perfect marriage should be, as you showed each other the love you felt for one another daily. Not in a physical way, of course, but the two of you were so devoted to each other. Now we will worry about you being alone. We know you are a strong lady, but we also know Peter was your life. Please let us know if we can do anything for you or assist in any small way. Our love to you and the family, Trish and Jim Freeman

August 7 at 8:00 PM

AR

**Amy Comstock Rick** posted:

All of the staff of the Parkinson's Action Network have the Andrulis family in their thoughts and prayers.

August 6 at 8:00 PM



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**Joseph & Shirley Halizak** posted:

Memories - Ah the good times. I could write a book! Peter and I go back more than 50 years, to our college days at Canisius College, Buffalo, NY. We were in Chemistry together, members of ACS, and huge basketball fans. On weekends, we'd quaff a few at the "Double Integral" aka, S&S Lounge & Bar or at Strinka's. Peter stayed in Chemistry and I switched to Economics. After graduation, Peter left Buffalo and I stayed with a career in banking. Our friendship never ceased but was in limbo, as we lost touch for 25 years. In 1986, our family moved to Fairfax, VA when I took a senior position with a bank in Arlington, VA. At the Canisius College annual alumni meeting on Capitol Hill that year, we saw each other across the "beef-on-weck" and couldn't believe it. After all those years, here we are with our wives, Marilyn & Shirley, and our friendship ignited again like it was yesterday. Over the ensuing 26 years we celebrated life to its fullest, that included: 25th wedding anniversaries, our children's weddings, vacations at our condo in Fort Myers, FL, watching "March Madness" in Peter's "man cave" eating pizza and whatever Marilyn cooked up with beer and wine, cookout's at each other's homes, Stomboli's pizza with anchovies & chopped onion and a bottle of red vino (or two), restaurant dining and enjoying a good cigar whenever. A cigar experience that Peter really got a kick out of began during one of their Florida visits. My daughter Kim gave me a box of Cohiba's direct from Fidel's Cuba. They were so long, that we cut them in half so we wouldn't run out. I gave Peter six to take home. He told me later that one of his brother's couldn't believe he had real Cuban Cohiba's. Asked where he got them, Peter said, "I've got a source!" We laughed about that one, time and again. There are many more good fun times we enjoyed together that I will never forget. I will always treasure our friendship that was built on trust, integrity and respect for each other. I could write a book! Shirley and I were able to schedule a Mass for Peter on his one year anniversary of going to his Heavenly Father, at our church, the Church of the Resurrection of our Lord on July 30, 2013 at 8 AM, in Fort Myers, FL. Love, prayers and sincere condolences to Marilyn and the family, Joe & Shirley

August 2 at 8:00 PM



**Barbara Faculjak** posted:

Marilyn, I was so sad to read about your husband in the Metro section this past weekend. My heart goes out to you and your family. It sounds like he was a truly extraordinary person and I am very sorry for your deep loss. I'm checking my schedule to see whether I could attend the ceremony this Saturday, but if not we'll have a small moment together when we next meet on the beach with our dogs. I hope you are as peaceful as possible and Deenya is doing her work to keep your heart safe.

August 6 at 8:00 PM



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GB

**Greg Bulla** posted:

I met Mr Andrulis at a small company party when working at Andrulis Corp. He was great and very willing to describe his work (which I found very interesting). Good luck to his family, especially Marilyn.

August 5 at 8:00 PM

CJ

**Cathy Benson/Susan Jimenez** posted:

Marilyn & Family: we were saddened to hear the news about Peter. We had no idea that he was so accomplished and had such a stellar career. He seemed so humble when we met him a few years ago as you two began your search for your beach house. We sincerely hope that all of you will find comfort and grace in wonderful memories of the best of times.

August 5 at 8:00 PM

RR

**Ron Recht** posted:

Peter was always very focused and vibrant in my dealings with him. He will be missed. My sincerest sympathies. Ron

August 5 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Peter J. Andrulis, Jr., Ph.D.

August 4 at 8:00 PM

AM

**Anna Misener** posted:

Extending deepest sympathy to the family. May you find comfort in knowing that others care.

August 2 at 8:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Peter by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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