



# Peter P. Roenke

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## **Peter P. Roenke**

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**P**eter P. Roenke, age 72 of Fenwick Island, DE, passed away on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at Beebe Healthcare, in Lewes, DE. He was born on March 3, 1948 in Geneva, NY, son of the late Richard and Jacqueline Roenke.

Peter attended military prep school, after which he proudly and honorably served in the US Army. He earned Master's Degrees in psychology and English and owned and operated NAPCO Publishers in Virginia. In 1980 Peter moved to Delaware, where he started Coastal Images, Inc. (Beach-net.com), a publishing and internet design and hosting company. An active member in the recovery community, he inspired and helped many people who were struggling. Peter was an voracious reader and a die-hard supporter of the Duke Blue Devils basketball team. He was an avid soccer fan and very involved in the River Soccer Club of Roxana, Delaware. Above all, Peter cherished time spent with those he held most dear. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, brother, and friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Peter is survived by his beloved wife of 33 years, Michelle (Cowan) Roenke of Fenwick Island, DE; his son, Pierson Roenke (Allie Whitcraft) of Fenwick Island, DE; his daughter, Alex Roenke (James Cirone) of Philadelphia, PA; his brother, Michael Roenke of Ithaca, NY; his sister, Jane Theilen of Holyoke, MA; his mother-in-law, Marlys Cowan of Lewes, DE; his brother-in-law, Bill Cowan (Jeannette) of Lewes, DE; his sister-in-law, Jill Stevens of Lewes, DE; his many nieces, nephews, and dear friends; and his loyal canine companion, Scooter, the dachshund.

Services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in Peter's memory to the River Soccer Club, PO Box 1366, Ocean View, DE 19970.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the entire staff of Beebe Hospital for their compassionate care of Peter.



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Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.



## Tribute Wall

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SC

**Sara Chase Carlson** posted:

Dear Michelle and family, Last evening I was told of Peter's passing. I received this news with deep sadness. I pray your grief has been gentle. As you probably know, it was Peter who brought me to my first meeting. I am forever grateful for his extended hand and enduring friendship. He holds a special place in my heart. XO

July 18 at 8:01 AM

TF

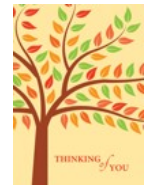
**Tom Ford** posted:

Michelle, Pierson, Alex - The Ford's wish you loving memories of Peter who gave his full focus to the challenges he faced. The very best to each of you; Love Tom Ford

August 25 at 10:39 AM

SC

**Sarah C.** sent a sympathy card to the Roenke family.



August 24 at 6:01 PM

TO

**Theresa Orhelein** posted:

Sincerest sympathy to you, Pierson, Alex and family. Peace be with you all! Theresa and Mark Orhelein and family

August 17 at 5:04 PM

JC

**Julie Cummings** posted:

Dear Michelle, Reid and I were so saddened to hear the news of Peter's passing. Twenty-five years ago he walked into our motel office and gave us a sales pitch to host a website. We immediately told him, "No way! This will never take off." His enthusiasm was contagious and we finally gave in and signed up for a one year trial. Twenty-five years later we are still with Coastal Images and have never regretted taking Peter's advice. He was truly a wonderful advocate for Fenwick Island businesses, and we have always appreciated his efforts on our behalf. Our hearts are with you and your family at this difficult time. Fondly, Julie and Reid Cummings

August 15 at 4:42 PM



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**Nancy Tribbitt** posted:

Our sincere condolences to Michelle and entire family for their loss. Thoughts and prayers go out to you during this difficult time. Love, Tuffy and Nancy (Steen) Tribbitt

August 15 at 6:38 AM



**Midge Dinatale** lit a candle in honor of Peter.

Dear Michelle, My heart hurts to know the sadness you all must feeling. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers. Love you, Midge DiNatale

August 14 at 7:57 AM



**Todd Horning** posted:

The first real boss that I had in my young career, and I still can't drive into Delaware without immediately thinking about the 'family' that I had there years ago. Michelle, we love you and our hearts go out to you and the kids. Sending lots of love, The Horning family

August 13 at 4:07 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Pretty Please to the Roenke family.

August 13 at 2:54 PM



**Nina Hazzard** posted:

Michelle and family we are so sad for you!! We send hugs!! Love Nina and Sanford

August 12 at 8:57 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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