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Peter Moodey Ross passed away on September 4, 2025. Pete was born on January 26, 1940, and was raised in Meadville, PA, by his parents, Julian and Carol Ross. He graduated from Allegheny College in 1961 and received his MA from Southern Illinois University in 1962.

Pete first worked in Arlington, Virginia, in the Office of the County Manager. In 1966, he began a life-long career in Delaware. He began his governmental career at the Division of Urban Affairs at the University of Delaware. He then became the Chief Administration Officer of New Castle County. Pete then moved to the Controller General's Office for the State of Delaware and stayed for 17 years. In 1995, he was named State Budget Director by Governor Carper. He retired from that position and returned to the University of Delaware, teaching and researching in the graduate program. At the request of Governor Minner, Pete again served as the State Budget Director. He retired from that position and returned to the University of Delaware. He finally did retire and began enjoying life with his family and at his beach house in Lewes, DE.

During his career, he served on numerous financial advisory committees for the local government, school districts, and other governmental agencies. He was twice awarded the Order of the First State, the highest civilian honor bestowed on a Delaware citizen. He was a member of the Delaware Financial Advisory Committee and served several terms on the Delaware Compensation Commission. Upon his retirement, the News Journal said, "In addition to his phenomenal knowledge of government operations, Pete Ross is respected as one of the best staff people ever in DE."

Pete loved his family and leaves to honor his memory his wife, Liz; daughters Sue (Bob) Newman and Amy (Bill) McCormick; daughter-in-law Melissa Ross and sister-in-law Carol Kolmerten. He was preceded in death by his dearly beloved son, Christopher. He also leaves his grandchildren Ross (Hannah) and Megan Newman; Brant McCormick; Lauren, Alexis, and Dylan Ross. He leaves one great-grandchild, Rowan Newman.



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Interment will be private. Contributions in his memory may be made to Autism Delaware, 924 Old Harmony Road, Suite 201, Newark, DE 19713. You may also donate online at <https://www.autismdelaware.org/ways-to-give/> to honor Pete's memory.

Please sign the tribute wall at this wall.



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Mae I posted:

The Ross's lived across the street from my family in Newark. He was a friendly, good-natured man who was always ready to lend a hand. Nothing was more important to Mr. Ross than his family. My heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

October 5 at 8:14 AM



Jj Davis posted:

Pete Ross was a mentor, boss and friend to many, including me. He was a tremendous leader-always offering advice, sharing his financial acumen to all and always shared his philosophy of "family first." He will be missed by so many. Hoping he is enjoying heaven telling stories with my Dad and seeing his son again. RIP and hugs to the family!

September 9 at 1:18 PM



Jj Davis posted:

Peter Ross was a great boss, mentor and friend to me and so many at the State of Delaware. Great wisdom, always said "family first" and an excellent financial mind. He will be missed by many. Hope he is hanging out in heaven with my Dad and his son. Hugs to the family. J.J. Wagner Davis

September 9 at 1:16 PM

DS

David Singleton posted:

Truly a gentleman and a scholar, with a wonderfully dry sense of humor. I worked closely with him in state government and always found him to be gracious and willing to listen. I will miss him. David Singleton

September 9 at 7:01 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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