



Peter J. Oesterling

July 19, 2016

Peter J Oesterling, 59, died on July 19, in Akron, OH, following a motorcycle accident.

He was a resident of Baltimore, OH, and Slippery Rock, PA. Peter was preceded in death by his brother Matthew and father former State Senator Donald O. Oesterling. He is survived by his mother, Ann McDowell Oesterling, his wife, Judy, son Peter J Oesterling Jr., daughter Kristin Bowers, brother Michael J. Oesterling, sister, Dawn Prebula, grandchildren Riley and Harper Tiedemann, as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Peter graduated from Hershey High School, Slippery Rock University, and received his Juris Doctor at the University of Puget Sound, in Tacoma, WA. He recently retired from Nationwide Insurance where he was an Associate Vice President. Peter was also very philanthropic. After serving six years on the SRU Council of Trustees, Peter helped establish the McDowell-Phillips-Oesterling Football Scholarship and the Peter J Oesterling Family Scholarship.

A remembrance of Peter's life will be held on Wednesday, July 27th at the Butler Pennsylvania Elks at 5 PM. There will then be another remembrance at the Four S Club in Columbus, OH on Tuesday, August 2, at 7 PM.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Peter's honor to the Peter J Oesterling Family Scholarship. Please direct your contribution to the Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc. 100 Old Main, 1 Morrow Way, Slippery Rock,

PA 16057.

Tribute Wall

WT

“ *Petey was one of my best friends in law school. We travelled to southern California together a couple of times. He and his wife and baby visited me in Southern Illinois in the late eighties. I just now learned of his passing from another one our amigos. Sitting here on Puget Sound watching boat races thinking of you Petey. Only the good die young.*

Winston Throgmorton - August 02, 2017 at 04:08 PM

CC

“ *I met Peter over 10 years ago at a legal conference where he presented and I was an attendee. I could tell from his accent that he was from western PA, but when we talked, it turned out he was from Butler, where I was born. After that, we occasionally talked about our legal specialty.*

Years later, in 2008, I ran into him and his wife in Denali National Park in Alaska. He didn't remember me, so I had some fun with him until I refreshed his recollection about who I was. We enjoyed talking about Butler and our jobs. Learning of Peter's death is a blow. I really liked him and know that he is missed.

Cindy Courtney - July 11, 2017 at 10:03 AM

JM

“ *Just saw in today's paper; my Sincere Condolences to Pete's family!*

I enjoyed working with Pete back in the 90's; he made me laugh!

Jimmy G. Markin - July 29, 2016 at 02:17 PM

DS

“ *Judy, I am so sorry to hear about your husband's passing. You have our sincerest condolences.*

Damion Smith - July 29, 2016 at 10:45 AM

JA

“ *So sorry to hear of Pete's passing. We worked together at Nationwide for several years. I know he'll be greatly missed. John Acton*

John Acton - July 29, 2016 at 08:03 AM

LM

“ *Laurie Massey lit a candle in memory of Peter J. Oesterling*



Laurie Massey - July 28, 2016 at 06:47 PM

RH

“ *Rhonda Hall lit a candle in memory of Peter J. Oesterling*



Rhonda Hall - July 28, 2016 at 08:48 AM

CW

“ It was my privilege to know and work with Pete for almost 25 years. I always admired how he never compromised himself and spoke his truth no matter what the situation. That is admirable quality you don't see everyday. I will greatly miss his sense of humor and friendship. My prayers to Judy and his family. God's peace to all of you.

Cindy Wagner - July 27, 2016 at 10:54 AM

PT

“ Pete was and always will be my great friend and partner. He was a giver, some take - he was a giver. Boy Scout Leader, Scholarship, Gave Friends money if they needed it, jokes to everyone and his place in Slippery Rock was always open to everyone. He gave a lot of putts too because he wanted reciprocated. My golfing trips I had with him - Pete and Pauly's big adventures were just the best time - and the stories of his past - WOW. I believe he received his electric personality when mining Uranium in Colorado after College. I am sorry to the friends in Butler, the supporters at Nationwide, his many friends in Columbus, OH and above all his family - Brother, Sister, Son- Pete Jr. Daughter and other relatives including Uncle Tom in Florida- a fellow Buckeye. Above all Judy, my heart and prayers go out to you - we have talked and I will see you Tuesday Aug 2. - Love and prayers to everyone. Love you - mean it!!- Paul Theibert

Paul Theibert - July 27, 2016 at 08:07 AM

WI

“Pete was always true to his beliefs, his family and his friends. I worked closely with Pete for many years and spent enjoyable times with both Pete and Judy. He never sacrificed his true interests to conform to the practice of law--but yet he excelled personally and professionally. While Judy and Pete Jr. were his loves, there was nothing better than that next ride on his motorcycle. Pete, you were an honorable man, a great father, a committed husband and a good friend. You will be greatly missed.

Walter M. Jones, III - July 26, 2016 at 01:48 PM

CL

“I had the wonderful opportunity to work with Pete during my last 10 years with Nationwide. His work ethic, camaraderie, dry sense of humor and excellent people skills made perfect sense when I learned of his hometown. Godspeed, Pete.

Colleen Kelly Laich - July 26, 2016 at 01:05 PM

AE

“Pete hired me into my first legal role at Nationwide. Working for him for 4 years he became not only a leader but mentor and friend. I am so grateful for the wonderful memories I have of Pete. To Judy, Pete Jr. and the rest of the Oesterling family, I offer you my sincerest condolences.

Andrea E - July 26, 2016 at 12:08 PM

PH

“ I worked with Pete for 16 years at Nationwide. He was smart, effective, and I could always count on him to bring strong insight and good judgment to complicated legal situations. I also could always count on him to be a good guy. Pete made a real difference at Nationwide, most definitely leaving the place in better shape because of his contributions. He is gone far too soon.

Pat Hatler, retired CLO at Nationwide

Patricia R Hatler - July 26, 2016 at 11:27 AM

BW

“ Pete was my first boss at Wausau in the Environmental Claim Unit out of college. We commuted to work together for years and it didn't take me long to learn - coffee before conversation! He was a redneck in a suit and had a quick wit! He loved the outdoors, living in the country and cared about people - friends, family and co-workers! I had the opportunity to get a visit from him on a motorcycle trip he took to Illinois a couple of years ago. He holds a special place in my memory. While I didn't know Judy, he spoke so highly of her and had great pride in Peter Jr and the work he had done with the scholarships! He so looked forward to retirement. My sincerest condolences to his family. Rest in peace PJO. Beth White

Beth White - July 26, 2016 at 11:04 AM

CS

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Craig Swenson - July 26, 2016 at 07:48 AM

VO

“ We will always treasure the memories of Pete and Judy visiting us one summer afternoon many years ago. We were glad to have spent some real time with him. RIP cousin.

victor oesterling - July 26, 2016 at 03:30 AM

MI

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Mindy - July 25, 2016 at 06:10 PM

AS

“ Pete and I worked together many years ago at Wausau Insurance when he relocated to Illinois for a period of time. I have such great memories of Pete and his fantastic sense of humor and love of life. I will always cherish those memories and will hold him and his family in my thoughts and prayers.

Anita Smith - July 25, 2016 at 02:36 PM

JK

“ Pete and I worked together for many years at Nationwide. The memories are too numerous to chose one. Anyone that knows Pete knows that every moment spent with him created a great memory.

He made much of my time at Nationwide a pure joy. He was a great leader, attorney, colleague and friend. I felt very privileged to call Pete my friend. He will be missed.

Joe Kasouf - July 25, 2016 at 02:26 PM

GS

I have known Pete since he was just a little kid. Just saw him a couple of weeks ago for the first time in ages. Donna and I are so sorry about this happening. My deepest sympathies to all the family. Pete was a great and fun guy to be around. We will miss him.....Gary and Donna Shannon

Gary Shannon - July 25, 2016 at 04:29 PM

JS

I was lucky enough to work with Pete at Nationwide Insurance. He was a top notch leader and great to work with. I appreciated his honesty and his style - there was no other like him. My sincere sympathies to his family. Pete, you will be missed, but never forgotten! JR Shaeffer

JR Shaeffer - July 26, 2016 at 06:40 AM

LJ

Pete and I worked together at Nationwide for many years. He was both a colleague and a friend. He told it like he saw it. He was a good man and my sympathy goes out to his family. May he rest in peace. --LeRoy Johnston

LeRoy Johnston - July 26, 2016 at 08:32 AM

GO

Pete and I both grew up in Butler County, PA. That's one reason her hired me 25 years ago for my current job. My best memory of Pete is at a summer company picnic at his farmette in Shabbona, IL in August 1991. We had a fun hayride. I am very sad to hear of his passing.

Gary Oviatt - July 26, 2016 at 11:19 AM

RJ

One of my earlier, and one of my most lasting, Nationwide memories, was watching Pete debate with another attorney at a meeting in PA. The two of them were nose to nose, finger to chest, shouting at each other as to which of them had the harder job! It was classic! Pete could hold his own in any argument. He obviously was a bright and talented lawyer.

Pete had a great sense of humor and had me laughing whenever I talked with him. I always went away feeling a little bit better than I did before.

He was unique in many ways and will be missed on so many levels. My deepest sympathies. -- Rich Jacobs

Richard Jacobs - July 27, 2016 at 01:10 PM