



# Peter C. Procopio

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**P**eter C. Procopio, DDS, died on November 20, 2023, at the age of 80 after a brave struggle with pancreas cancer which he tackled with tenacity and dignity. He was born in Syracuse, NY on August 19, 1943, to Carmella Italiano Procopio and Steven Anthony Procopio. Peter was a first generation American who was named after his paternal grandfather. Peter had an idyllic childhood growing up on Kirk Avenue with his cousins for neighbors and a park right across the street from his home. He and his parents and sisters lived upstairs in a two-family house and his maternal grandparents lived downstairs. He graduated from Danforth Elementary School, Roosevelt Junior High School, and Syracuse Central Technical High School in 1961. He graduated from Le Moyne College in 1965 and from the University of Buffalo Dental School in 1969.

He served a one-year residency at Upstate Medical Center and volunteered there in the dental department as an adjunct professor for 40 years. Dr. Procopio opened a private dental practice in Liverpool, NY in 1971 where he practiced general dentistry for 30 years before retiring in 2000. He married Deena Stone on October 19, 1974. They lived in Brewerton, NY before retiring to Marco Island, FL.

Peter's favorite hobbies were boating and hunting and gardening. He planted vegetable gardens wherever he lived, growing tomatoes and basil to be able to have a fresh tomato salad with basil everyday year-round. He enjoyed deer hunting and was able to bag a buck every fall. He was a former member of Grasse River Club (a hunting club) in Piercefild, NY where he was responsible for organizing a themed Fall Frolic at the club for many years. The favorite Fall Frolic was the Mardi Gras party complete with a roasted pig and a parade of decorated ATVs. Deena and Peter enjoyed boating on the Mutual Fun IV in SWFL where they joined the Marco Cruise Club after taking the boat down the intracoastal from the 1000 Islands to Marco Island. The one-month cruise was one of the highlights of his life. Another highlight was a one-month cruise on the Mutual Fun IV in the Bahamas. Peter served as Commodore of the Marco Cruise Club in 2009.



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He also belonged to the Leaky Bottom Fishing Club and immensely enjoyed the camaraderie and the annual fishing trip to Ontario.

Peter and Deena spent the summer months at their cottage on the St. Lawrence River in the 1000 Islands where he enjoyed fishing for Northern Pike.

Peter was predeceased by his parents and his grandparents and a sister, Julie Klink.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Deena Stone Procopio. Also surviving are a brother, Steven A. Procopio, Jr. (Deborah), brother-in-law, Richard E. Klink, a sister, Susan Jean Paparo (Dominic), sisters-in-law, Sandra Stone Silver (Steve) and Adrienne Marquart (Randy Smith) and nieces and nephews, Richard Klink (Peri), Steven Klink (Stephanie), Michelle Serdula (Todd), Alyssa Procopio Clayton (Matthew), Taylor Procopio Pilecki (Kyle), Steven Procopio, David Silver (Kristina), Ethan Silver (Brittany), Adam Silver (Hallie), Derek Marquart, Rachel Slingsby (Cory), and many great nieces and great nephews, all of whom he loved dearly. Also surviving are his four granddaughters, Brittany Brodowsky, Hannah Vadas, Payton Vadas, and Mila Vadas, all of whom he adored.

Peter suggested that memorial gifts be made to Light a Child's Future Endowment Fund at Syracuse Diocese of Catholic Schools or a charity of your choice.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, November 24, 2023 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm at THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY. A funeral service in celebration of Peter's life will be at Divine Mercy Church, 592 S. Main St., Central Square, NY at 9:00 am on Saturday, November 25, 2023, followed by entombment at St. Mary's Cemetery Mausoleum, DeWitt, NY.



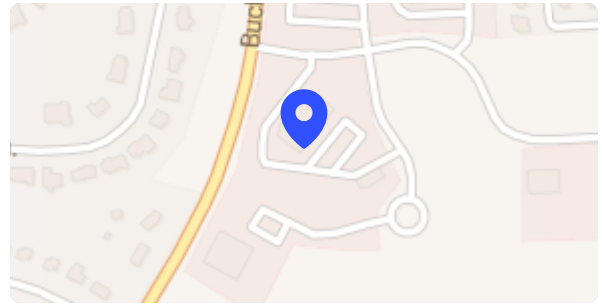
# Events

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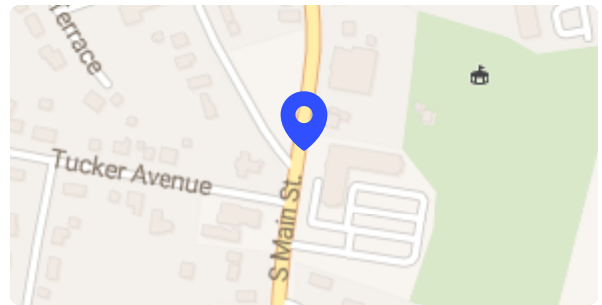
## Visitation

- Friday**, November 24, 2023
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**  
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212



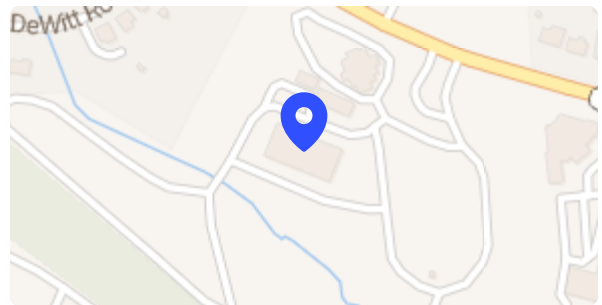
## Funeral Service

- Saturday**, November 25, 2023
- 9:00 AM ET
- Divine Mercy Church**  
592 South Main Street, Central Square NY 13036



## Cemetery Details

- St. Mary's Mausoleum**  
4100 East Genesee Street, DeWitt NY 13214
- 475-4639**





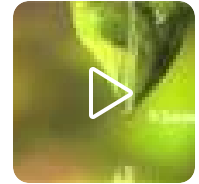
# Tribute Wall

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**Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home** shared a **Tribute Video**.



November 21 at 5:57 AM



**Amy & Anthony Pietrafesa** posted:

Great man and a great family. Blessings to you all.

January 21 at 3:57 PM



**Gary Cockerill** posted:

We will always remember Peter for how he always made sure the young family members enjoyed new experiences that became lifelong memories for them. Our daughter, Taylor, along with her cousin, Rachel, were among those young ones who now have such wonderful memories of their times with Peter and Deena. I especially want to thank Peter and Deena for making the trip to Atlanta in May to join in the 100th birthday celebration for my dad. Please know that dad was very touched by the effort you made to be with us on his special day. God bless you both.

November 25 at 11:19 AM



**Melissa Gale** posted:

Deena, I'm so sorry for the loss of Peter. He was a wonderful, kind, happy man who will always be a warm memory for myself, as well as everyone who knew him. Please accept my sincerest condolences and know I am thinking of you- Love, Melissa (D'Arrigo) Gale

November 24 at 2:14 PM



**Mary Steele** lit a candle in honor of Peter.

I was fortunate to know Peter for 50 years! Deena and I were stewardesses together at Braniff when she met Peter. She was very smitten with her dentist! Over the years we had many, many memorable times together in Syracuse, Orlando, Atlanta, and many other locations. We traveled together to Switzerland and to Italy. I loved visiting them in Marco. Peter and Deena had a great partnership and they were very successful in all of their ventures. Peter was smart, knowledgeable, kind, gracious, generous, friendly and accommodating. My heart breaks for Deena and I will always remember Peter as a good man and dear friend who was blessed to have one of my best friends for his wife.



November 24 at 8:50 AM



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**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Procopio family.

November 24 at 7:23 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Procopio family.

November 23 at 10:40 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Procopio family.

November 22 at 1:38 PM



**The Minerick Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Peter.

November 22 at 10:45 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Procopio family.

November 22 at 10:45 AM



**Liz Weeks** posted:

What a wonderful life Deena and Peter shared. I am thankful that Larry and I were lucky enough to have spent many fun times together with you both. Dinners, boat rides, weekends at the Grasse River club, the snowmobile trip to the Great Divide and Jackson Hole, our trip to Mexico. I will miss his great smile and his generous gentle demeanor. Hopefully he and Larry can meet in this new chapter they have both gone to and talk about boats. Know that his memory will be with me forever. Love you, Deena. Liz Weeks

November 22 at 5:04 AM



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**Anthony Ferrara** posted:

Very sorry to hear of Peter passing away. I knew him mostly from bowling with him from time to time in league play. He was always fun and funny. When Peter was going to sub, it was not a lie to say my father and I were both excited that we would see him that night. He was a great human being, what you did to live wasn't important to Peter in terms of true friendship, he was a people guy and I'm sure he will be greatly missed.

November 22 at 2:08 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Procopio family.



November 21 at 1:51 PM



**Beverly Mcmurtry Grissom** posted:

Deena, words are such poor tools for expressing how sorry I am that you have lost the love of your life. I remember Peter as soft-spoken, mellow, and very kind. I am keeping you in my thoughts and prayers as you navigate your grief and life changes. Peter was such a sweet soul; may he rest in eternal peace, and I hope you find comfort in every sweet memory. Beverly Grissom

November 21 at 3:13 AM



# Media

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TRIBUTE VIDEO

A Journey of Life

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

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



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