



Peter J. Blanchard

March 27, 1949 - October 3, 2025

ASHBURNHAM: Peter J. Blanchard, 76, of Ashburnham, formerly of Townsend, died Friday, October 3, 2025 at Henry Heywood Memorial Hospital, Gardner.

Peter was born in Fitchburg, March 27, 1949, a son of the late Frank A. and Virginia (O'Connor) Blanchard and has resided in Ashburnham for forty years.

Peter grew up in Townsend and was a 1968 graduate of North Middlesex Regional High School. Following his graduation from high school, Peter enlisted and served four years in the United States Marine Corps attaining the rank of Lance Corporal. During that time, he was stationed in Vietnam and was recognized for his service with the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, Combat Action Ribbon and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

A welder by trade, Peter worked for several area companies including Boucher Construction in Leominster, Ye Olde Blacksmith Shop in Fitchburg, GroLex Metal Fabrication Corporation in Groton and K. Connors Furnace Repair Company in Townsend.

Pete was a member of the Townsend VFW, Ashby Legion and enjoyed watching NASCAR Racing.

He leaves two sisters, Lyssa Boudreau of CT, Rosemary Blanchard of Westminster; his sister in law, Joan Blanchard of Townsend; several nieces and nephews including Peter Blanchard, Patrick Blanchard, Rebecca Borneman, Jessica Blanchard, Matthew Borneman, Jason Borneman, and Elisabeth Borneman.

He was predeceased by his brother, Frank A. "Butch" Blanchard III of Townsend and his longtime companion, Lois Hackett Adams of Ashburnham.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the US Marine Corps toys for tots.

Tribute Wall

LP

“ Peter nick named sugar pops pete by my sister chick whom dated Peter in high school 1968. Remembering all the times we shared adventures with all the neighborhood kids on Warren Rd. Skating on Harbor Pond, Sledding, Bon fires on the harbor pond, swimming at Pat ties...Haven't seen him in years but sorry he was gone to soon. My thoughts and prayers are with the family in this sad time. May your memories you shared with your loved ones help you as the days pass.

louise Mariano Philbrick - November 04, 2025 at 09:31 AM

PM

“ We so enjoyed Pete and Lois coming to Colby's Camp during the 4th of July. Remember Pete jumping off one of big rocks at The Falls with his glasses on! His glasses were found because the water was so clear you could see the bottom. Miss them both.

Paula Colby Miller - October 07, 2025 at 02:36 PM

JB

Summertime in Townsend Harbor would find neighborhood kids hanging around the river in back of my house. Pete was one of those kids. There was a place in the bend of the river in which a couple of branches hovered over the river. Most kids would jump from the lower branch, not Pete, he'd climb that tree and jump from the higher branch. It was terrifying to watch him jump. Now he's with the family he loved so much.

Joan Leahy Blanchard - October 08, 2025 at 09:06 AM

KC

“ Had fun camping in Warren VT on July 4th. And he was a great neighbor

Katherine Chase - October 06, 2025 at 07:00 PM



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Rebecca Blanchard-Borneman - October 06, 2025 at 04:01 PM