



Peter A Lareau

April 4, 1939 - March 1, 2022

ASHBY; Peter A. Lareau, 82, of Ashby, died unexpectedly Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at his home.

Pete was born in Leominster, April 4, 1939, the son of the late Peter C. and Irene J. (Lareau) Lareau and resided most of his life in Ashby. He was a 1957 graduate of Ashby High School.

For over 60 years Pete owned and operated Pete's Barber Shop in Townsend Center.

He was a member of St. John's Church in Townsend, St. Joseph Club in Fitchburg and enjoyed making an occasional trip to the horse track. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and his time spent at Lake Winnepesaukee. Pete was an avid sports fan and had an encyclopedic memory for professional sports statistics. He was an excellent billiards player and frequently shot pool with his nephew, Brian.

He leaves two nephews, James G. Downes and his companion, Lucia Ford, of Shirley, Brian Downes of Groton and his grandniece, Samantha Downes of Shirley.

He was the brother of the late Shirley M. Downes of Groton who died in

December 2018.

Pete's family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours 2-5 PM Sunday, March 6, 2022 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, (Rte 119) Townsend Center. For additional information or to leave an online condolence please visit their website at www.andersonfuneral.com.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 AM Monday, March 7th at St. John's Church, 1 School Street, Townsend. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Highland Street
Townsend, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR 6. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Funeral Mass

MAR 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Church
1 School St
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2291

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I went to Pete’s for haircuts for years. He let me put a shoeshine chair on the front porch. Pete and his shop were as much a staple to Townsend as the common. I remember him fondly and offer my sincere condolences to his family.

Jim MacMaster

Jim MacMaster - March 08, 2022 at 12:23 PM

BR

“ He will be missed by many. My condolences to the family.



Brenda Rodgers - March 04, 2022 at 07:21 PM

SM

“ All of us at Tiny’s Restaurant are so sad to hear that Pete has passed away. He was a favorite every Sunday and we always looked forward to seeing him, he will be missed very much by us all...R.I.P. Pete

*So sad,
Tiny’s Restaurant*

Sharon Mauro - March 04, 2022 at 03:58 PM

BH

“ Rest In Peace Pete. Thank you for all the stories over the years. I’ll miss you

Bob Holohan - March 04, 2022 at 10:27 AM

MG

“ I only know Pete from the barber shop he had been cutting my hair since I moved to town in 1987 he will be missed, rip, pete so u on the side..

Mike guerriero - March 04, 2022 at 06:02 AM

NC

“ Pete and I were classmates all the way through school in Ashby. He was always friendly and participated in activities going on in school, especially having to do with sports. Pete loved baseball and caught for the Ashby High School baseball team, as well as being an excellent hitter. Pete was my late husband's catcher --- they were their own team! When we would have breakfast at Cliff's next door, we'd stop in for a chat about the latest in baseball news. What would Pete be thinking now about MLB cancelling Opening Day this year? God Bless You, Pete. Nancy Catalini

Nancy Catalini - March 03, 2022 at 09:13 PM

MB

I used to get a haircut more often than I needed just so I could be informed of the latest sports scuttlebutt. When Pete closed his barber shop it was indeed a sad day but today is much sadder.
Merrill Bancroft

Merrill Bancroft - March 05, 2022 at 07:54 AM

JB

I am sorry to hear the news and sorrier that I did not get to see Pete again after he closed his barber shop as with covid , I wasn't seeing him at the 7:30 Mass where he and I were two of the usher/collectors. Pete and his barber shop were quintessentially Townsend. Another icon has passed.Pete used to keep tabs on all the biggest fish caught or the biggest bucks shot in the area. He will be greatly missed . RIP Pete, my sincere condolences to his family, John Barrett

John Barrett - March 08, 2022 at 02:54 PM