



## Mr. Peter John Hensel

January 7, 2024

Peter J. Hensel passed away at his home in Prattville Alabama on Sunday, January 7, 2024.

Pete was born on January 27, 1945, in Utica, NY. He was the son of the late Peter N. and Jennie Mae Hensel.

He attended the State University of NY at Morrisville and the University of Buffalo. Pete spent his career in sales and marketing, most notably in fine paper sales with Alling & Cory, which was purchased by International Paper. He earned numerous awards during his 30-year career.

Pete lived, worked, and raised his family in New Hartford, NY until his retirement in 1998. He and his wife left NY to cruise the east coast and the Bahamas on their 40ft sailboat. After 2 years they settled in St. Augustine, FL where he lived for 20 years and was a devoted member of Trinity Parish, 215 St. George Street, Saint Augustine, FL 32084. Pete and Karen moved to Prattville, AL in 2020 to be closer to their family. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Karen, son Michael (Debbie) Hensel of Binghamton, NY, son Eric (Jennifer) Hensel of Gold Hill, OR and daughter Heather (Eric) Wesch of Prattville, AL; along with grandchildren, Michaela Hensel, Matthew Hensel, Savana Wesch, Logan Wesch, and Emmy Wesch.

A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Pete's happiest moments during his journey here were spent sailing the ocean blue, touring to new destinations on his Harley, cheering on his beloved UF Gators, and spending time with his family.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday, January 12, 2024, at 2 pm at Saint Michael and All Angels' Episcopal Church, located at 5941 Main Street, Millbrook, AL 36054. In lieu of flowers, gifts can be made to The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew Trinity Parish, 215 St. George Street, Saint Augustine, FL 32084, or Saint Micheal and All Angel's Episcopal Church, 5941 Main Street, Millbrook, AL 36054.

Brookside Funeral Home, Crematorium & Memorial Gardens of Millbrook, AL directing.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JAN 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

Saint Michael & All Angels'  
5941 Main Street  
Millbrook, AL 36054

# Tribute Wall

WB

“ My late husband Herb Baum thought the world of Pete dating back to their shared days at Alling and Cory. I'm so saddened to hear this news. May your faith carry you and the family through this difficult time knowing Pete had a life well lived. Wanda Baum

Wanda Baum - January 12, 2024 at 04:09 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Peter John Hensel.



January 11, 2024 at 05:43 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Peter John Hensel.



January 11, 2024 at 08:34 AM

BM

“ Pete was a good man and friend who was a big part of the Brotherhood of St Andrew. I am better because I knew him : 1: 🙏🏻🙏🏻

Bob May - January 11, 2024 at 07:39 AM

BB

“ Our condolences to Karen and the family! Mary Lou and I have nothing but great memories of our time spent in worship during their years at Trinity working Discovery and having Pete as a brother in Christ! You will be missed my friend but we are comforted knowing you are with the Lord! Sail on!

Love,

*Bruce and Mary Lou Belmont*

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**Bruce Belmont** - January 10, 2024 at 08:10 PM

JM

“ We send condolences to Karen and family! We love you all and are so sad for your loss! Judith and Jerry Minnicks 🙏

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**Judith & Jerry Minnicks** - January 10, 2024 at 07:25 PM

VD

“ We send our prayers to Pete and his loving family. He was a dear friend and co-worker for many many many years. We loved spending special times with Pete and Kitty in Florida and New York State. He was a very special friend and will never be forgotten. God bless Pete. You are at peace, and we love you. Virginia and Michael DeHayes.

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**Virginia DeHayes** - January 10, 2024 at 01:07 PM

JD

“ My sincere condolences to your family.  
Pete and I became good friends when he came to my print shop in Gloversville, NY as a rep from Alling and Cory Paper Co. Pete and I continued our friendship for many years after we both retired. I'll always be grateful to him for all the help he gave me and the trust he showed in me when my shop was struggling. His trust and support through his company helped us through a difficult time and we were able to get back on our feet.  
I think of Pete and Karen often even though we are sometimes far apart. We have been fortunate enough to get together a few times these last couple of years to catch up on our lives since leaving upstate NY. We'll miss this you Pete but will carry your memories in our heart. Rest easy my friend.

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**James Doremus** - January 10, 2024 at 12:32 PM

DO

We are very sad to hear of Pete's passing and offer our condolences to Karen and all of the family. We got to know Pete and Karen in upstate NY in the printing industry and enjoyed many days with Pete on the golf course, especially his Easter week specials in the snow. We were also inspired by the trip they made to St. Augustine, in their sailboat, a trip we made some years later, both from upstate NY.

Will never forget his face, his smile, or his zest for life.

Doug & Jeannice Hart  
Beaufort SC

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**Doug** - January 10, 2024 at 09:50 PM