



Peter Roy Carney

July 5, 1931 - January 11, 2019

After a brief illness, Peter Roy Carney passed away peacefully on January 11, 2019, in Vero Beach, Florida.

Peter was a patriot born on July 5, 1931, in Chicago, IL to Marie Murphy and William Roy Carney. He was the grandson of William James Carney who started Superior Graphite Company where Peter would make a significant lifelong career. Peter was an entrepreneur, writer, businessman, polo player, rancher, hunter, and a true sportsman who enjoyed skiing, fly fishing, tennis, and golf.

He attended Lake Forest Academy until a fire shut it down temporarily. He transferred and graduated from Canterbury School (1949) in New Milford, CT and later from Princeton University (1953) where he discovered his love for geology and was president of Cap and Gown.

He joined the army in 1953 and served and rose to First Lieutenant Executive Officer in the C Battery of the 97th Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, CO until 1955. After his service, he was an investment analyst for Glore Forgan in Chicago before moving to Denver as a staff geologist for E.A. Polumbus & Associates.

He married Marina Galitzine in 1957, and after living in Denver for two years,

he returned to Illinois to run Superior Graphite Company. His storied and illustrious career spanned over 50 years and transformed a sleepy graphite company into an industry leader by co-inventing an innovative continuous carbon purification process.

Peter served on the board of Carney Management LLC, the Foundry Education Foundation, the Illinois Manufacturers Association, Lake Forest Caucus, Lake Forest Open Lands, Lake Forest Symphony, Museum of Science and Industry (Chicago), and the Wyoming Chapter of the Nature Conservancy. He was a member of YPO and later WBC/WPO/YPO Gold where he served as president, and created a model forum, which generated intentional, committed friendships. Peter was also a past president of the Black Butte Gas Company, Carney Ranch Company, Casting Industry Suppliers Association (CISA), as well as for the CISA Export Trade Group, and Graphite Synthesis. He was a consultant for the United Nations Office of Technical Cooperation (India), and a past executive committee member of the Business Industry Political Action Committee (BIPAC). He was a lifelong member of the Coleman Lake Club where he also served as president. Additionally, he served on the board for Lake Forest Academy, Canterbury School, Onwentsia Club, the Chicago Club, and was a lifetime member of the Commercial Club of Chicago.

He was a man of faith, integrity, and stewardship, and was deeply loved by friends, family, and anyone with whom he came in contact. He had a brilliant mind, quick wit, a mischievous eye, and an easy laugh. He considered his family one of his greatest accomplishments, where he stood as the prominent pillar and moral compass.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Marina Galitzine Carney of Vero Beach, Florida, four children: Marina Carney Puryear (Jim) of Illinois, Kathy VandeMotte Carney of Texas, Edward Carney (Laura Foster) of Illinois, and

Sasha Carney Woods of Montana; his twelve grandchildren; Nick Vernon (Monica), Chris Vernon (Erika), Marina Boo Vernon, Kelley VandeMotte Sudderth (Jim), Peter VandeMotte (fiancé, Kathryn Naughton), Murphy VandeMotte, Maggie Carney, Sasha Carney, Peter Carney, Aleka Woods, W.J. Woods, and Michael Woods.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his brothers William and Otis, and his sister Jean Mullett.

A funeral Mass will be held at the Church of St. Mary, 175 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, IL on January 25, 2019 at 4:30 pm, with a reception following. A private burial will occur on Saturday, January 26, 2019. A celebration of life will be held at the Riomar Beach Club, 2426 Ocean Drive, Vero Beach FL on February 1, 2019 from 4-6 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to VNA and Hospice Foundation <http://www.vnatc.com/foundation/foundation-specialty-services/memorial-gifts/>, North Chicago Community Partners <http://northchicagocommunitypartners.org/>, or the John M Olson Fund, Coleman Lake % Fleury, Singler & Company, PC, CPA's
301 S Stephenson Ave Iron Mountain MI 49801

Cemetery Details

Lake Forest Cemetery

1525 N. Lake Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045
(847) 615-4341

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JAN **25**. 4:30 PM (CT)

Church of St. Mary
175 East Illinois Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045
<http://www.churchofstmary.org>

Tribute Wall

PD

“ Dear Mrs. Carney, Ed, Sasha and families,
We offer our deepest sympathy. Peter was a very special man and
will be missed. God bless all of you and know that you all are in our
prayers.
Sincerely,
Roberto & Pamela Diaz

Pamela Diaz - January 25, 2019 at 03:00 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the
family of Peter Roy Carney.



January 23, 2019 at 08:30 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Peter Roy Carney.



January 22, 2019 at 09:22 AM

TS

“ Dear Marina and family,
Betsy and I were so saddened to hear of Peter's passing. In our years at Canterbury we developed a deep and permanent friendship that we will always treasure. So many dinners, golf games, laughs and chats in Chicago, Vero Beach and Canterbury. Last year at Phyllis Dillon's you and Peter stopped by to say hello because you couldn't make the Super Bowl Party. That visit meant so much to Betsy and me.

We hope to get down to Vero in March and trust that we can reminisce further.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Carney family at this time.

Tom and Betsy Sheehy

Tom & Betsy Sheehy - January 17, 2019 at 11:06 AM

BS

“ Sorry to hear about Peter, I still remember all the good times we had, the polo games and the parties. Billy Stevens

Billy and Ruth Stevens - January 16, 2019 at 02:36 PM

MP

Billy, he so treasured your time together!

Marina Carney Puryear - January 24, 2019 at 10:44 PM

KA

“ Kari Amundson lit a candle in memory of Peter Roy Carney



Kari Amundson - January 15, 2019 at 06:29 PM

MR

“ My deepest sympathy to the Carney family. Mr. Carney truly led a "Superior Life" and I feel very lucky to have known both Mr. and Mrs. Carney. I was very fond of him and admired him greatly. I am very happy he was able to help Superior Graphite celebrate our 100 Year Anniversary, it was his Innovation and Integrity that has made Superior what it is today. He may be gone, but his spirit will continue to live on.

He will be greatly missed.

Maureen (Moe) Ransford-Sweeney and Tom Sweeney

Maureen Ransford-Sweeney - January 14, 2019 at 11:52 AM

DS

“ Condolences to the Carney family. Peter provided opportunity for scores of people to grow and support their families. He held himself and those around him to high standards and will be remembered for the example he set as an ethical businessman who loved his family dearly.

Dennis & Kris Shannon

Dennis Shannon - January 12, 2019 at 02:28 PM

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Dennis Shannon - January 12, 2019 at 01:14 PM