

Peter Bennett Davis

Peter Davis passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, in his home, surrounded by the family he so deeply cherished. He was born December 2, 1942, in Yonkers, NY, and later moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. He was the son of the late James Aloysius and Lorraine (Bennett).

Peter is survived by his brother Richard Davis (Marti); and sister Susan Pearson (Timothy), his beloved wife Judy (Buerman) Davis and their children Matthew Davis (Justine), Katherine Boone (Charles), Elizabeth Poplin (Butch) and Emily Riedel (David) and their eight grandchildren: Maddy, Nick, Ryan, Erin, Hannah, Bennett, Lucas and Adele.



Peter graduated with honors from Miami University with advanced degrees in Political Science and an abiding aspiration to make the world a better place with social, economic and education programs and development aid.

Peter's government employment was mainly involving work in USAID Latin America. He then went to the private sector as President of Development Associates Inc. for nearly 40 years.

His other passions ran the gamut – from coaching countless basketball and baseball teams and mentoring young professionals to planning fabulous vacations with his wife, Judy. He was an avid golfer. He loved playing, watching and discussing golf.

A good, kind man, a mensch – a man who treated each person as an individual and with dignity. He was an accomplished traveler who visited more than 100 countries in his long career in international development.

Peter's most ardent passion above all things was his family. With his adored wife of 56 years, Judy, he most cherished the roles of both parent and grandparent. Peter was an intensely caring parent, who took extreme pride in his four children and eight grandchildren and took even greater effort to be an example of a life well lived, a life filled with purpose and meaning. He also proudly served as a board member for numerous organizations, including St. Coletta's and Miami University College of Arts & Sciences, and Catholic Charities, which he later served as president for 12 years.

A fierce proponent for social equality and active in the international development community for many decades, Peter's legacy lives on in the enduring social programs he helped develop and implement around the world as much as the shining example of his character he passed on to our extended family.

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Peter's family will host a memorial service on Monday, March 7th at 10:30 AM at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030. Immediately following will be a reception at nearby Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Hwy Fairfax, VA 22030. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made in Peter's name to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington. A memorial and a condolence book can be accessed at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/fairfax-va/peter-davis-10612067>.