



Peter John Gravina

July 19, 1953 - March 31, 2020

Peter John Gravina, 66, native Floridian, respected real-estate attorney, leader in the legal community, avid Gator fan, adored father, grandfather, husband, brother and friend, passed away on March 31 following a short but intense fight with brain cancer.

Born and raised in Miami, graduating from LaSalle High School, he received his BS degree in business from University of Florida and his J.D. degree from UF College of Law. While at UF he met his wife, Amy Burnett, and they married in 1978 and moved to Lee County, where he began his legal career.

Pete was proud to be a partner of the Pavese Law Firm where he practiced real property law for more than three decades. He held the distinction of being the first Board Certified Real Estate Lawyer in Lee County by the Florida Bar. He was dedicated to his profession and his community, serving as a board member and chairman of Attorneys' Title Insurance Fund, as president of the Lee County Bar Association, and as a board member of the YMCA and Southwest Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Pete was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and his happiest times were spent with the family hiking in his beloved Montana, attending Gator games and having cocktails in his garden. He was immensely proud of his children, Sarah and Matthew, and delighted in celebrating their personal and professional achievements.

Pete was known for his gentle and measured demeanor. Friends enjoyed his dry wit, which he used sparingly but effectively. Pete was not one to gush over anything, but when he spoke people listened because he chose his words and thoughts so carefully. He enjoyed irony. He was a hyper-curious, lifelong learner. He was an adept griller of meat who openly shared his technique with friends, and he had an encyclopedic knowledge of the flora and geology of both his native state and his adopted state of Montana, where he and Amy spent a great deal of their time.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends, but they are comforted knowing that he

is now reunited with his son Matthew, who passed away in August of last year.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Amy, daughter and son-in-law Sarah and Aaron Crittenden, daughter-in-law Andrea Gravina, grandchildren Graham and Nora Gravina and sister and brother-in-law Patty and Ed Barker.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Pete's memory to the UF Foundation (P.O. 100243, Gainesville FL 32610) to support brain tumor research at the University of Florida. Online at: UFGive.to/Tranlab/.

Comments



“ Dear Amy and family,
As a PI lawyer I didn't run in to Pete much but every time I did it was pure joy. He would greet me like a long lost friend and be smiling ear to ear. We'd exchange the latest info about our families and go on our merry ways but seeing him was always a positive experience. My wife and I both send you are best wishes at this difficult time.
Kim Hart

Kim Hart - April 08, 2020 at 11:35 AM



“ Amy and family,

I served with Peter on the board of trustees of Attorneys Title Insurance Fund for several years and learned to appreciate his wisdom, insight and leadership. His sense of humor could often re-direct a discussion in the right way. He served us well.

He will be missed by so many people!

Melissa Murphy

Melissa Murphy - April 06, 2020 at 01:53 PM



“ Dear Amy and family,
This is a great and sad loss. We have happy memories of our activities with him from ballroom dancing to softball. Pete was loved by all. I never heard a negative remark about Pete. Rather, his reputation and my personal knowledge showed him to be a well respected lawyer, husband and person. Please know that you will be in our prayers. Philippians 4:7. Rad & Kathy

Radford Sturgis - April 03, 2020 at 02:17 PM



“ Dear Amy and family, I am saddened for the loss of Pete . I still have fond memories of the Lee county softball team as well as our groups team in the local softball league. Definitely gray times and memories in my life. Again Hods prayers and my good wishes to you on this sad occasion. George Dondanville

george dondanville - April 03, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ Amy, we are thinking of you and your family at this time. Pete was such a good guy and will be missed. Know that you loved and our thoughts and prayers have been going out to you. Love, Bill and Becky Cheek

Bill Cheek - April 02, 2020 at 06:15 PM