



Mr. Peter Bernhard Franz

October 26, 1933 - April 2, 2025

Peter Bernhard Franz passed away peacefully at his home in Cheshire, MA, on Wednesday, April 2, 2025. Born in Stockbridge, MA, on October 26, 1933, son of Joseph and Emelia Radell Franz, Peter spent his childhood in Stockbridge, MA. He graduated from the Deerfield Academy in 1951 and then went on to earn his bachelor's degree from Northeastern University (1961). Peter served in the US Army from 1956 to 1958 at the Frankfort Armory in Philadelphia, PA.

A lifelong engineer, Peter worked for a variety of companies throughout the Northeast, including Texas Instruments, A.H. Rice Company, and M.C. Nuclear of Attleboro, MA. He and his wife, Deborah, purchased the Cheshire Store in Cheshire, MA, in 1978, and operated it until 1989. Peter was also employed by Krofta Engineering in Lenox, MA, as the Project Manager and Chief Engineer from 1985 until 1995. Additionally, Peter owned his own business designing Title V septic systems until his retirement in 2014.

Peter enjoyed traveling, hiking, speedskating, cross-country skiing, bicycling, and camping with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, the former Deborah Holden, and his sons, Karl of Peru, MA, and Joseph of Williamstown, MA. He also leaves behind his grandchildren and step-grandchildren, all of whom he adored.

The family would like to give special thanks to Peter's caregivers, as well as HospiceCare in the Berkshires for the care and compassion that they showed to Peter and his family.

Funeral Notice:

A private graveside service for Peter will be held. A public celebration of his life will be Saturday, May 3, 2025, at the Cheshire Rod and Gun Club from 12:30pm to 5pm.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Peter's memory to the Trustees of the Reservations or HospiceCare in the Berkshires, in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 3. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Cheshire Rod and Gun Club
310 Curran Rd
Cheshire, MA 01225

Tribute Wall

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“ Shawn F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Peter Bernhard Franz.

Shawn F. - May 03, 2025 at 08:03 AM