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Peter R. Schroeder, long time Vancouver, WA resident died peacefully, on Saturday, February 6, 2016, with his children by his side. Peter was born in Portland, OR, the son of Rudolph and Ellen (Salmi) Schroeder of Scappoose, OR. The family eventually moved to Clatskanie, OR. After graduating from Clatskanie Union High School, Peter moved to Portland, OR looking for work as a machinist. He attend Clark College in Vancouver, WA, and on his last day, he met and later married Kaye Lynne Peldo, of Vancouver, WA. They were married on July 8, 1961. Peter was then drafted into the Army, where he served at Fort Washington, until his Honorable Discharge on June 30, 1966. They eventually moved back to Portland where he worked days and went to school at night. He opened his first business; Schroeder's Marine Machine Works on October 1, 1969, on Marine Drive in Portland, OR where it was positioned on the Columbia River. He stayed there for many years until finally moving his business to Vancouver, WA. Schroeder's Machine Works Inc. is still fully operating today. Peter dearly loved his business, employees and business associates. Being at work made him happy. Peter enjoyed all things outdoors. He loved golfing, snowmobiling, camping, hiking, boating and especially fishing. He belonged to many outdoor clubs and organizations. He did like to travel- usually to Alaska, but his favorite adventure was to Africa. It was his greatest pleasure to be with his family and/or friends either in the mountains snowmobiling, or on the water in his beautiful Trophy boat.

Everyone enjoyed taking a cruise up and down the Willamette River through Portland. It was magical. He also loved fishing in Illwaco, WA. In fact he loved it so much, he purchased a beach house in Ocean Park, WA, so everyone could enjoy the mighty Pacific Ocean. Peter became quite successful and he was able to enjoy a full and adventurous life. But, he always stayed true to who he was. A measure of a great man. Peter was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was married to his wonderful and loving wife, Kaye Lynne Schroeder for 54 years. Kaye passed away 56 days earlier, on December 12, 2015. He is survived by his son; Mitchell D. Schroeder of Portland, Or, his children Severina and Mitchell Jr. of Vancouver, WA and his daughter; Kelly P. Yuspeh of New York, NY, her husband Ira and their son, Hudson. A Service and Celebration of Life will be held at: Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 1101 N.E. 112th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98684 on Monday, February 15, 2016 at 12:30 p.m. His family gives thanks for the privilege of being part of his extraordinary life. Peter was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was always smiling, and joking around, he was generous and compassionate. He touched so many people's lives. He will be in our hearts forever. Thank you to the wonderful staff at the Ray Hickey Hospice House. Everyone who works there is caring, loving and so very kind. We will always be thankful for your love and support. A special thank you to all our family and friends for the continued love and support during these past difficult months. Always remember that Peter and Kaye loved you all so very much! In lieu of flowers or gifts, please send donations to: The PHSW Foundation, P.O. Box 2516, Vancouver, WA 98668, 'Ray Hickey Hospice House in memory of Peter Schroeder.' Please sign his guestbook at www.columbian.com/obits

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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 03:33 PM



“ Dear Kelly and Mitchell, I just wanted to let you know how sorry I was to learn of your mom and then your dad's passing. I knew your mom better than your dad but it's been years since I've seen them. I have many memories of spending time at your house with my mom Patsy (Perry). Your mom also made it possible for me to have a cat when my dad had told me I couldn't. She gave it to me as a birthday present so he couldn't say no! LOL That cat lived to be 18 and we all loved him. I don't live in Vancouver anymore so I wasn't able to come to the funerals. I hoped mom would go but she said she didn't make them either. Maybe if I could've been there, she would've gone. So, I wanted to let you know that I'm thinking of you guys and am so sorry for your loss. Teresa

May 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ He was a great person and a classmate from the first grade thru high school graduation! I have many great memories. I was looking forward to seeing him at our 60 year High School Reunion this year. We will all miss you!

Lucy Schwegler-Ziemer - May 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I only knew Pete as the owner of his machine shop. He was always a gracious host and a pretty good "kidder", my kind of people person. Best wishes to all in his family and his workplace. RIP, Pete!

Tom McMullen - May 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ No words can express the loss we all feel losing both Kaye and Pete. They were dear friends and will be missed. Both always with a generous sense of humor and generous to everyone. We shared many great times over the many, many years. Rest in Peace. Always look for the double rainbow showing their smiles for us that are saddened by the loss.

Mary Dahlstrom - May 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Pete was a very positive, humorous, and an all-round good person that will be greatly missed at the coming reunion. I'm so sorry we didn't all know that he wasn't well.

Joyce Gardinier-Drolc - May 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ So sad to hear of Pete's passing. He was a colleague in the machinist trade and I came to know by sending work to his shop from USNR. He eventually became a friend of mine of mind. On occasion I would talk to him on the phone or stop by his shop and our conversation would always seem to lead to fishing. He was always so easy to talk to! He will be missed greatly and my condolences to his family.

Ron Beagle - May 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Barely two months apart from each other, they departed this life, Kaye and Pete Schroeder.

So soon Kaye. Despite little opportunity and time to spend with her, I found the time I did get to spend with Kaye to be enjoyable. All who knew her, in fact, must have appreciated the warm home she had created, and the hospitality she offered. And though this memory is many years old now, I still recall appreciating her instantly as a fellow (sister?) ardent tree-lover. How could anyone not resonate right away with her as she pointed out the beautiful trees in her yard? And others, as well, must have connected with the joy in her voice as she described those trees and the rest of her lovely yard. A loss to us, Kaye, that you have moved on so soon.

And then, so soon after, Peter! Though there was a bit more time to spend with him, I was looking forward to yet more Such an interesting person, of good heart, and himself interested in the world around him! My good fortune was to meet Pete a few years ago, the morning after I arrived to visit my relations and, in a way, Pete's Liz and Ted Kulju. From that first conversation on, I always looked forward to talks with Peter. He took care of business in his personal and professional life, creating a family and a business doing something he loved machining. And in the process, he met significant niche market needs. How intriguing it was to visit his shop and listen to him explain and show us what he had created there. And what a treat, for those of us lucky enough, to get to see that look of joy on his face as he piloted his boat and took us on an exhilarating river ride. Keep flying over the waves, Pete. That's the captain of your boat, and of your specialty machine shop is how I will remember you.

Dana Jordan - May 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Seals Unlimited enjoys a long business relationship with Schroeder Machine and always enjoyed the energy Pete had. Our deepest Sympathy goes out to his family and the employees.*

Seals Unlimited - February 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *family and friends. I followed Pete around from the time I was able to walk and loved him so much. We were connected at the hip for almost 73 years He was always my BIG, VERY COOL almost brother and best friend . Living right next door he didn't have a chance. When I got older I would wash his car EVERY other day he would take me to school in his really cool ride ONE day a week?? All the teen age girls were in love with him so it kinda made me cool. In those days all ages took the same bus to school and I was always invited to sit with the big girls to put in a good word bout them. I have so many wonderful great memories I could write a million characters, not just 1000. I will be in Indianapolis the day of the service and I can't get it changed out. it is a large corporate once a year meeting but for Kelly, Mitch and Grand kids my heart will be with you. Your Dad/Grandpa was very special. RIP my brother from another mother I Love you Janet Jean*

Janet Jean - February 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM