



## Peter J. Schuch Jr

May 10, 2018

SCHUCH - Peter John, Jr.

May 10, 2018, of Elma, NY. Beloved husband of the late Linda (Krajnik); dearest father of Peter J. Schuch, III and Eric M. (Megane) Schuch; loving grandfather of Amelia and Aidan; special companion of Karen Overhoff. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends Monday 2-8 PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (two blocks south of William St.). A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday at 10 AM in St. Vincent de Paul R.C. Church, 6441 Seneca St., Springbrook, NY. A reception at the church will immediately follow mass. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Ronald McDonald House Charities of WNY, 780 West Ferry, Buffalo, NY 14222. Peter was a Vietnam War Navy Veteran who served on the USS Vesole (DD-878) and volunteered at Ronald McDonald House. Send condolences at [SmolarekCares.com](http://SmolarekCares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **14.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Cheektowaga - Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home  
2510 Union Road  
Buffalo, NY 14227

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY **15.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Vincent de Paul Church  
6441 Seneca Street  
Springbrook, NY 14140

# Tribute Wall

RO

“ *Mr. Pete's welcoming heart, humility and selflessness will always live within us.*

*On behalf of the Opondo's family, I would like to extend my heartfelt condolences to PJ, Eric and Megane Schuch's family, and Karen Overhoff. Losing a loved one is one of the most difficult things to have to endure, and we walk with you on this difficult journey.*

*Pete was kind and free spirited, attributes that will always make him stand out for the person he was, and we will long remember the memories and special moments we shared together.*

*He was ever courageous, and his well lived life served and inspired more than we will ever know. He hewed to principle, and always had room for friendship and humor, a personality we dearly will miss.*

*To those of us grieving his passing, he leaves us with an enduring image, the image of a man on a boat, smiling broadly as he sails into the wind, ready for whatever storms may come, carrying on toward some new and wondrous place just beyond the horizon.*

*Farewell my dear friend. May God bless you and rest your soul in eternal peace.*

*Regine Okora and Family.*

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**Regine Okora** - May 13, 2018 at 09:19 AM

PO

“ To Karen Overhoff,  
*I will definitely miss Pete's special character which was reflected by his kind heart and humor. Pete's unique special caring presence indeed touched so many people he came across during his volunteer work. He truly loved Karen, whose loving care and constant presence meant so much to him. Karen, you truly were there for Pete, whether it was at Mercy Hospital, for Infusion treatments at Cleveland Clinic, in downtown Buffalo, or at Veteran's Hospital and daily trips to Batavia, and then back home. Just as his special love and caring words to you meant so much, you meant the world to him!*  
*Love, Peg O'Connor*

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**Peg O'Connor** - May 11, 2018 at 07:55 PM

DS

“ Gary and I were truly saddened by Pete's recent death. We were the “first” of the Hayes cousins to be introduced to him by cousin Karen, and several years of witnessing their devotion and Pete's growing zest for life made him an honorary Hayes cousin in his own right.  
*We are devastated for our sweet Karen and for Pete's family. Gary and I will cherish the memory of that bashful, gentle-man who brought much happiness to our cousin and had it returned ten-fold! Peter Schuch was very loved by all of us. We are grateful that he has finally found his peace.*  
*Love,*  
*Gary and Diane Smith*

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**Diane Smith** - May 11, 2018 at 07:25 PM

GH

“ To Karen Overhoff and the Schuch Family,  
Pete was a wonderful, kind and caring man.  
He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.  
It was an honor to get to know him. The Hayes cousins enjoyed his  
company at our get togethers.  
Karen, your dedication to Pete and to his care throughout his year  
long illness was a shining example of unselfish love.  
Love, Gail

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**Gail Hayes** - May 11, 2018 at 06:19 PM

DH

“ PJ, Eric and Karen...We are so sorry for your loss and you are all in  
our thoughts and prayers. One of my fondest memories of him is  
when we were kids, and he talked to us in his Donald Duck voice!  
We're gonna miss our Uncle Pete.  
Donna and Artie

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**Donna Handzlik** - May 11, 2018 at 01:40 PM

FM

“ To Karen Overhoff and Pete's Family: First of all, Pete was such an  
incredible person and I am sure you all know how much he meant to  
everyone. He was kind and supportive and a truly good man. And I  
also thank him for his service to our country.

And Karen, you were an inspiration throughout this whole ordeal.  
The devotion you showed during every bit of Pete's struggle shows  
what a kind heart and loving person you are.

I have many happy memories of Pete and his smile and humor. He  
and you are special people.

Love always from cousin Fran.

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**Fran McNamara** - May 11, 2018 at 01:17 PM

JM

“ To Karen Overhoff and Pete's family: I am sooo heartbroken for you!  
The loss of Pete is unbearable. I know your heart is broken.

*Your were such a Beautiful couple. You made each other  
laugh....and the love just glowed off of you both.*

*Our vacation in Punta Cana was our greatest memory together.*

*You were by his side in Cleveland, Buffalo, Batavia and through  
Pete's battle of illness for such a very long time.*

*I love you...and will miss Pete tremendously.  
Love, Jo*

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**JoAnn McNamara** - May 11, 2018 at 01:11 PM