



## Peter J. Horvath Jr.

March 2, 1946 - June 20, 2019

Peter J. Horvath, Jr. passed away on June 20th, 2019 in Newberg at the age of 73.

Born in Chicago, Illinois to Peter Horvath Sr. and Louise Horvath

Graduated in 1963 from Main Township South High School in Park Ridge, IL

He worked for his Father at Pete's Automotive Shop in Chicago, IL. Pete then joined the US Army from 1966 to 1968 and later returned to work for his father again at the automotive shop.

He then met and married Theresa Kopielski on January 17th, 1972 and moved his family to Newberg, Oregon in 1976 and started a small farm with horses, cows, pigs, sheep, chickens and ducks, later the barn became a sanctuary for thousands of classic car parts.

Upon moving to Newberg, Pete opened Pete's Precision Automotive in Newberg, Oregon. Several years later he was offered a job with the Newberg School District as a maintenance worker up until retirement in 2009. He was very involved with many of his peers by volunteering to drive the van for the Hood to Coast and every summer would join many teachers in the Seaside Wellness Conference.

Pete was known for his sense of humor, everyone that knew him liked him. He had a passion for Hot Rods, and owned many classic cars throughout his life, having raced them and built them from the ground up. He was later known as the go-to person if you needed a classic Chevy car part, local car parts stores would refer people to him for parts.

Pete and Theresa founded the car club North Valley Cruzzers in 1992 in which is still an active car club today. They were also responsible for adding onto the Newberg Old Fashioned Festival by incorporating a Car Show on Sundays in which is still an active event today.

Preceded in his death: Father Peter Horvath Sr., mother Louise Horvath, wife, Theresa Horvath, brother, George Horvath and sister, Kay Saffert.

He is survived by his son, Thomas Horvath, daughters Rose (Horvath) Marugg and Kathy (Horvath) McWilliams and his grandchildren, Gary Horvath, Nicholas Marugg, Bryan Marugg, Emma McWilliams and Ava McWilliams, sisters Mari (Horvath) Purdy and Pat (Horvath) Hyde.

The family will be having a celebration of life services on July 19th at 2pm at Attrell's Funeral Chapel in Newberg, OR. The family would like you to drive your classic car and/or wear a hot rod t-shirt in honor of Pete. A reception will follow.

Through this site, we invite you to share your thoughts and fond memories with his family.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL **19**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Attrell's Funeral Chapel

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# Tribute Wall

PA

“ I worked in the Newberg School district. Pete was always a bright light in my day. His smile and bear hug were the best. What a FINE person he was....miss ya, Pete

Patty - September 08, 2019 at 11:20 PM

Kathy  
Horvath  
McWilliam

“ Kathy Horvath McWilliams lit a candle in memory of Peter J. Horvath Jr.



Kathy Horvath McWilliams - July 18, 2019 at 04:51 PM

PC

“ Dear Thomas, Rose, and Kathy,  
My deepest condolences on the passing of your dear father Peter. It is difficult to lose a loved one and my prayers go out to you and your family. My name is Pastor Chuck Sabin. Attrell's contacted me to lead the funeral service this Friday. I wanted to open a path of communication with you. I would like to know more about your father to do a better job at leading the service. My cell number is 801.648.6636. If you are able to find the time, please give me a call.  
Blessings!  
Pastor Chuck



Pastor Chuck - July 16, 2019 at 01:41 PM

Kathy  
Horvath  
McWillia

Will be calling you shortly

Kathy Horvath McWilliams - July 16, 2019 at 02:25 PM



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Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel - July 16, 2019 at 10:30 AM



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Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel - July 03, 2019 at 06:55 PM



“ 5 files added to the album *Scott Canfield Photos*



Scott Canfield - July 01, 2019 at 12:45 AM



*Thank you Scott!*

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**Kathy Horvath McWilliams** - July 02, 2019 at 05:18 PM

MS

“ I was cleaning out my Extreme Couponing Notebook this morning and remembering how I got started doing this. I had always couponed; but one morning Peter asked me if I had gotten a notice from the Oregonian about an Extreme Couponing Workshop. I had and he and I decided it would be a "good thing" to go and participate.

*I had been picking up neighbors throwaway papers that contained coupons and he had helped me collect his and the neighbors on both sides of him.*

*We both signed up to go to the workshop. He said he would drive us there and we could have lunch afterwards (my treat).*

*We went to the hotel where the Extreme Couponing Workshop was being held. He was so jazzed because he had a handicap plaque that let us park close and not have to walk the whole length of the parking lot (which was packed).*

*We didn't win anything at the workshop; but did get a notebook and all kinds of information on how to do Extreme Couponing.*

*So, after the workshop we ate lunch ( my treat as he drove) and discussed the finer points of couponing.*

*We decided that each of us would try it and I would continue clipping coupons and bring him ones he could use.*

*So, there were trips together to use our coupons and try out our extreme couponing skills.*

*Those trips led to other collaborating; he joined the Chehalem Garden Club and became the chairman of the Blue Star Memorial Committee. He was one of the cashiers at one of the annual plant sales that the Chehalem Garden Club had. He decided to get some plants at one of the sales and had a family member plant them (at his direction).*

*The lamb's ear he planted by his mailbox grew so well that I asked for a start from it. We divided it and it is flourishing in at least two*

*spots in our yard. His original plant still adorns the mailbox in front of his house.*

*Since he and my husband, Scott, were both "car guys", there were many a chat sessions about cars, car parts, automotive theory, and car shows.*

*We went to the Newberg Old Fashioned Festival and there he was with the car show. If there was a car show in the area, he would tell us about it and off we would go. And there he would be.*

*Saturday mornings he would go to cars and coffee and Scott started going with him to see cars and have breakfast with other car guys afterwards. So the roar of the car on Saturday mornings was like music and a call to get moving.*

*So, coupons, cars, gardens, and just great times to chat are the memories I and my family hold dear from knowing this loving, gentle man.*

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**Marye Steckley** - June 26, 2019 at 11:18 AM

RM

*You and Scott were wonderful neighbors for dad! Thank you! ❤️*

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**Rose Marugg** - June 26, 2019 at 11:43 PM

Kathy  
Horvath  
McWillia

*That lambs ear by the mailbox now means so much to me. Thank you for your wonderful story. <3*

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**Kathy Horvath McWilliams** - July 18, 2019 at 04:53 PM