



John Richard "Pete" Emrich

June 9, 1948 - May 20, 2026

John Richard "Pete" Emrich, 77, of Lebanon passed away on Wednesday May 20, 2026 at his residence. He was the husband of the late, Judith A "Judy" Emrich, who passed away in 2023.

Pete was born in Lebanon on June, 9 1948 to the late Richard and Pearl (Peiffer) Emrich. He was a US Army veteran. He was a laborer at Bethlehem Steel and worked in security at the Navy Depot. Pete was an avid drag racing fan for most of his life. He also enjoyed cars and ice hockey. He was affectionately known as "Papa John" to those who were near and dear to him. He had a daughter, Tiffany, who was the light of his life. She passed away in 2019, and Papa John carried on her memory with him until his passing. Surviving is a son-in-law, Robert T. Bare of Lebanon, grandchildren, Matthew Bare and Zachary Bare, a brother Paul E. Emrich, and a nephew Jason Emrich. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Tiffany Bare.

A Graveside Service and military honors will be held on Monday June 15, 2026 at 10:00 AM at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, 60 Indiantown Gap Rd, Annville, PA 17003.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to Lebanon Valley Rail Trail, L.V.R.T., P.O. Box 2043, Cleona, PA 17042.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

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

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery
Indiantown Gap Road
Annville, PA 17003

Tribute Wall

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“Pete and I both entered the army around the same time and spent a lot more time hanging around Lebanon and talking hot rods. As life usually goes we drifted apart but later caught up on social media. I recently found some old letters Pete and I exchanged during out Army days and sent them to him. Rest easy, Pete!

Howard Kramer - June 09 at 07:40 AM

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“I remember going to Maple Grove Dragway many times with you & our dear friend Jerry Loeb!

"Gilly" - June 02 at 08:53 PM



“You are happy now Pete you are with Tiff.i will miss the relationship we had so many talks and ..the415 am texts when you were getting ready for dias.or texts about going dirt burning .your first racing love was drag racing see you again someday

Patricia Rentschler - June 02 at 02:02 PM