



## Peter John Butucel

March 30, 2012

Peter John Butucel II, 67, of Charlotte, formerly of Dimondale, passed away suddenly on March 30, 2012. Pete was born August 19, 1944 in Detroit, the son of Peter John and Marjorie K. (Cunningham) Butucel. He started his career in printing at the age of 18 in Detroit, later working with Valassis in Livonia, Howson-Agraphy in Chicago, and finally Eastman Kodak for 31 years. Pete's greatest joy in life was his family. Pete is survived by his former wife Donna Cherry of Oakland, MI, and their daughter Dawn (Chris) Pernick of Chicago; former wife Penny M. Howarah-Wheeler of Charlotte and their children Peter John (Amanda) Butucel III of Okinawa, Japan, Marjorie (Nick) Schipper of Kentwood, William Butucel and Patrick Butucel, both of Charlotte; grandchildren, Peter John Butucel IV and Jack Alexander Schipper; brothers, Robert (Barb) Butucel of Cass City and David Butucel of St. Clair Shores; and niece, Alyssa (Ryan) Hazel of Canton. He is predeceased by his parents. Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Thursday, April 5, 2012 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlotte, MI, with Reverend Father Francis Mossholder officiating. The family will receive visitors on Wednesday, April 4, from 2-4 and 6-8 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Interment will be in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens in Dimondale. Memorial donations in Peter's memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The family may receive online condolences in Peter's Book of Memories at [www.prayfuneralhome.com](http://www.prayfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Peter John Butucel*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - March 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Hello Penny and all the family. I hope you are all doing well. I remember Pete often and miss him as I know you all do. Best wishes to you all. Seamus.*

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**Seamus Ward** - March 24, 2013 at 11:50 PM

MS

*Thanks Seamus! I know he'd be talking about you to this day! You were a great friend!*

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**Maggie Schipper** - January 27, 2017 at 08:43 PM

RD

“ *Rest in peace my friend. You are dearly missed. God bless.*

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**Rick Diver** - March 23, 2013 at 08:16 PM

MA

“ *Happy Father's Day! Miss you everyday*

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**Maggie** - June 18, 2012 at 04:19 PM

GL

“ Pete and I worked together for the last 12 years he help me out of some jams, he was a good man and I will miss him very much, as I know you all will. My thoughts and prayers goes out to all of you.

Gary L. "Lambo" Lamorandier - April 06, 2012 at 09:54 PM

BR

“ I knew Pete through working with him at Kodak. Of all the people that I met when my previous company was swept up by Kodak, Pete made me feel like things were going to be “œokay”. We spent many long hours together doing our best for our customers. Pete was tireless! I don’t know if I have ever met a harder working person. Always doing his best for the customer, always willing to help, always willing to share his knowledge and ALWAYS with a SMILE! When I left Kodak, Pete was the guy who organized a totally unexpected and much appreciated farewell gathering for me. We stayed in touch after I left and I always enjoyed our talks. I will miss him very much. My thoughts are with the Butucel family. May you find peace.

Brian - April 05, 2012 at 12:16 AM

DO

“ I will miss your smiling face coming into my office! All the great stories of your family. I see by the fabulous pictures that were you not kidding!!!! RIP

Dottie - April 04, 2012 at 02:42 PM

DW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Butucel Family. I worked for Pete at Valassis for several years. When I think of Pete his favorite line always comes to mind "Hey Kid Come Here". You will be missed. Rest in peace Pete.

David and Ann Warchuck - April 04, 2012 at 01:56 PM

WH

“ Pete I'll we'll always remember you as a great friend, brother in law and mentor of mine Pete was a great teacher of the printing industry. I had the pleasure of working with him side by side at valassis for a few good years. thank you pete for all the good memories.

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**William Howarah** - April 04, 2012 at 12:47 PM

JE

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family and close friends of Pete's. He was a super nice guy and enjoyed talking with him when he came in and maintenance our processor at work. As soon as he walked in the door he had a smile on his face and his words were " Hey sweetie how are you" Im really gonna miss him. I'm sending out prayers for the family (hugs)

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**Jen** - April 03, 2012 at 05:44 PM

TP

“ The staff at McKay Press would like to offer our condolences to the Butucel Family. Pete was a great person and a pleasure to work with!

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**The Staff at McKay Press** - April 03, 2012 at 03:55 PM

CD

“ Pete you will be greatly missed by all of us at Cenvo Toledo. We appreciate all of your technical knowledge and support you provided us over the years. Also all the laughs. Our best to all of your family.

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**Charlie Gniewkowski and Bill Dunlap** - April 03, 2012 at 01:50 PM

JH

“ You were one of a kind of Pete. We will miss you. Even though we have always lived in separate states over the years. Lots of great memories. So glad that we got to share some good times over the years together while our kids were growing up. Bill and I still laugh about one time we went on vacation with you. You would not let anyone drive but you, and we would look up in the mirror and your eyes would be closed while driving and your response would be I am fine I am not sleeping. My prayers and thoughts are with your family.  
Love Janice

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**Janice Howarah** - April 03, 2012 at 12:27 PM

BM

“ RIP PETE.



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**Bill Mochan** - April 03, 2012 at 10:35 AM

SW

“ I still can't believe you have passed Pete. You were truly a great friend to have when I first worked in the U.S. I will for ever cherish our time together and the memories I have of you in the early mornings and late nights walking pressrooms, drinking coffee, measuring PH, monitoring conductivity and swapping stories. You were the big brother that knew it all. I know how much you loved and cherished Penny and your children, they will miss you incredibly. I am honoured to have known you Pete, I always enjoyed our conversations in spite of the distances that separated us. You left an indelible mark on us all. Rest in peace Pete. Seamus.

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**Seamus Ward** - April 03, 2012 at 04:39 AM

DS

“ Our prayers are with the family on the passing of Peter, my first cousin. We are so sorry that we cannot be with you at this time. We remember getting together with the family of my Aunt Madge and Uncle Peter when Peter, Bob and David were young and our own five sons were also young.

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**Donald and Grace Steffes** - April 03, 2012 at 01:49 AM

JG

“ You will be missed Pete. You were my first pressman I worked for at Valassis. I still remember those days. They will always be good memories for me.

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**Jerry Gogola** - April 02, 2012 at 09:31 PM

DM

“ As Pete's manager over the years it was a blessing to have a person with such a strong work ethic and willingness to support whatever demand was placed on him. He worked tirelessly at his job and the outstanding results delivered were a reflection of that commitment. But more importantly was Pete as a gentleman and friend, he touched each of our lives and set an example for all of us to follow. He will be greatly missed and I am blessed with fond memories of a wonderful person

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**David Maestas** - April 02, 2012 at 09:03 PM

LT

“ So sorry to hear of Pete's passing. You were our first neighbors in Dimondale! We have fond memories of Jordan & William playing in your sandbox, skating at Apples sportsplex, swimming at Fox Memorial Park! Maggie babysitting Jarad & Patrick and Peter's wedding. I always think of Pete on August 19th....our birthdays. He will be missed. Love to you and your families. Always in our prayers. Linda, Chad, Jorday and Jarad

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**Linda Taylor** - April 02, 2012 at 02:40 PM

EG

“ I knew Pete when I first started working at Valassis. He was a great guy to work with. I saw him occasionally over the years and he never had a bad word to say. Rest in peace Peter.

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**Eric Graichen** - April 02, 2012 at 11:16 AM

RL

“ Great Man, great co-worker, Pete, you will be missed.

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**Rick Lieser** - April 02, 2012 at 11:10 AM

DT

“ To Pete's Family I worked with Pete for a couple of years while I had the Michigan territory, and he was tireless and loved by the customers I met that he serviced. He always had the customer in mind and in turn helped Kodak succeed in this geography. He was honest and open in our work together and I always appreciated that. Our condolences to you during this time of loss. Dave and Laury Thoss

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**Dave Thoss** - April 02, 2012 at 10:46 AM

RD

“ Pete, I can't tell you enough how much you will be missed. You were a ray of sunshine on some pretty dreary days but you always managed to see the good in everyone and all things.. I know your family will miss you greatly but rest assured your "extended family" will miss you as well. Rest in peace my friend. God bless!

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**Rick Diver** - April 02, 2012 at 10:30 AM

BM

“ Pete was a great person and I always admired his work ethic. Thank You again for being a friend and mentor.

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**Bill Meise** - April 02, 2012 at 09:45 AM

DG

“ You were the best at what you did and we will all miss you very much. I know that you will be the guardian angel to your children the most important things in your life. We will meet again one of these days in the big pressroom in the sky. Peace Brother Debbie

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**Debbie Galonsky** - April 02, 2012 at 09:09 AM

PI

“ Dad, We all miss you very much. You were a great father who instilled a discipline in us that we will carry for the rest of our lives. I thank you for that. I am glad you were able to see the birth of two of your grandchildren and able to spend time with them. Peter IV will forever remember the time you two spent together. We love you much and will remember you forever. Love, Peter John Butucel III

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**Peter John Butucel III** - April 02, 2012 at 07:38 AM

MS

“ I only worked with Pete a short time when I first hired on at Valassis in 1982. He always was one to offer his knowledge and experience. I appreciated his hard work ethic at his job and his immense knowledge at his trade. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers to all of Pete's family, children, and grandchildren.

Mark Sardo - April 01, 2012 at 05:03 PM

WI

“ Dad cant believe your gone so sudden. I'm going to miss you so much and never forget the things you taught me. I am a better person because of you I just want to say thank you and I love you.  
WILL

will - April 01, 2012 at 02:15 PM

DB

“ We had our ups and downs as all brothers do but, you were always my big brother and I always loved you. May you rest in Gods mercy for all eternity. Your little brother David.

David Butucel - April 01, 2012 at 01:27 PM

JR

“ It has been my honor and privalege to have known and worked with Pete for twenty years. Whenever anyone needed help Pete would be the first to lend a hand and his suggestions were usually right. I will always remember our times together and I will truly miss my dear friend. May God bless and watch over him.

Jim Richardson - April 01, 2012 at 12:19 PM

JR

“ I will truly miss you my dear friend

Jim Richardson - April 01, 2012 at 11:43 AM

JF

“ God bless and keep you my friend



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**Jim Richardson family** - April 01, 2012 at 10:51 AM

PE

“ Though out the years we have seen so much. Your love of family and friends will always be. We shared more then most. We have four wonderful children together and such a joy they gave us both. You will always be in my heart and memories. I truely will miss you, I will hold on to all of the great paths in life we were able to share. Never will you be forgotten.

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**Penny** - April 01, 2012 at 09:23 AM

MS

“ Dad, I miss you so much already and can't believe you're gone. I don't know who I'll go shopping with now, nobody has the talent like you do! Please watch over us from above! Thank you for everything you've done for me, I'll never forget the memories we made. Jack is blowing you kisses! I love you, rest in peace.

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**Maggie Schipper** - March 31, 2012 at 09:12 PM

MS

“ I remember Pete from his printing days A hardworking pressman and a good guy to work for. R.I.P. Pete

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**matthew Simonian** - March 31, 2012 at 03:13 PM

LN

“ My children and I have so many memories of Pete when we lived in Dimondale. When he wasn't on the road working, he was always doing something fabulous at his house. He had the most impeccable yard and i'm positive nobody else could iron like he did:) I always wished I had the energy that he had. R.I.P. Pete. We will miss you. Lynn (Nakfoor) Jensen

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**Lynn Jensen, Jesse & Meagan Nakfoor** - March 31, 2012 at 11:59 AM

LN

“ May God give you strength during this time of sorrow. Pete is dancing with the angels and watching down on his loved ones. He was a great man and will be dearly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Lynn, Jesse and Meagan

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**Lynn Jensen, Jesse & Meagan Nakfoor** - March 31, 2012 at 11:48 AM

JS

“ Pete had a passion for his work, but it's the stories of family and especially grandkids that he enjoyed to share so much. Pete shared a story with me recently about his grandson, Jack. He laughed about how he would wobble along the couch as he discovered the art of walking until one day he just took off across the room. He had a smile on his face and a sparkle in his eyes every time he talked about his grandkids. I'll miss those conversations with Pete dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with all the friends and family that surrounded Pete. We'll miss you dearly Pete, Jeff Sharp

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**Jeff Sharp** - March 31, 2012 at 07:22 AM

SH

“ I have had the honor to know Pete for 20 years thru Polychrome/Kodak Polychrome/Kodak. There are so many wonderful memories of times we have shared and fun we have had thru the years. Pete and Seamus Ward were always getting into trouble :) I will miss him dearly but pray he is in a better place. To his family - my deepest regrets. Your dad was a wonderful man and had so very many friends in our Kodak family. I love him dearly and please know you are in my thoughts and prayers always. Pete - rest in peace my friend. Always my friend - Sue

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**Sue Halley** - March 30, 2012 at 07:32 PM