



## Peter Forte

September 27, 1932 - July 22, 2016

Pete Forte, 83, of Charlotte, passed away peacefully on Friday July 22, 2016 at his home in Charlotte, MI. Pete was born September 27, 1932 in Lansing, MI the son of John and Rosa (Colizzi) Forte. He married Janet (Jan) Cornelius on December 2, 1950. They were married for 63 years, until Janet's death in 2014. Pete and Jan operated many small businesses. They started with Pete's Grocery in Lansing in 1958 until 1963, when they purchased the Alpine Bar in Charlotte. In 1975, they opened Pete and Jan's Office Bar in Charlotte. Many will remember Pete and Jan's famous PJ's and Mid-Michigan's #2 Hamburger at Pete and Jan's Office Bar. Their last business was PJ's Movie World in Mason, which they operated until 2000. In the little spare time Pete had from the businesses and his family, he loved fishing, hunting, card playing and especially Tiger's Baseball.

Pete is survived by his sister Veta (Forte) Soucek of Grand Rapids; 3 children, Tom Forte of Charlotte, Steve Forte of TN, and Terry Jo (Forte) Parkin of NC; 7 grandchildren, Aleisha (Morris) Donald, Charity (James) Bean, John Forte, Adam Forte, Kathryn (Jonathan) LaFoe, Cassidy Walker and Justina Walker; and 7 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, 3 brothers Dan, Joe, and Sam, as well as his parents.

A private gathering will be held for Pete and Jan at Maple Hill Cemetery in Charlotte at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Eagle's

F.O.E. #3552 in Charlotte. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Friends and family are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online in Pete's Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com) <<http://www.PrayFuneral.com>>.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall

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“ I have had the privilege of knowing both Pete and Jan. Pete would reminisce with me of their famous PJs and their small business adventures. He loved her very much and spoke of her quite often. Everytime I would see Pete, no matter how awful he felt, he was always kind and thoughtful. He would smile, thank me, and make me laugh on my busiest days. He was always sincere and sweet. I know that he is very happy where he is now, where his heart has always been, with Jan. God bless you and may you forever rest in peace Pete.

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Devin - July 29, 2016 at 12:28 PM

DE

“ It was a privilege to know both Jan and Pete. Pete loved her very much, would talk about her often. He would reminisce with me about their famous PJs and all their small business adventures. I loved seeing him. He always had a smile, very thoughtful and kind, and made you laugh often. He was the kind of man that would make your day better, simply by being around. I will truly miss him but I know he is very happy where he is at, where his heart has always been, with Jan. God bless you and rest in peace Pete.

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Devin - July 29, 2016 at 12:18 PM

SK

“ I have many wonderful memories of Uncle Pete and Aunt Janet. I recall when they owned the Alpine, and Uncle Pete always made sure that we had a full glass of pop and change (so that we could play music in the jukebox). My enduring memory is of him tending to his amazing garden. Uncle Pete was fun to be around and very funny! He always made us feel loved and appreciated, and took great care of Aunt Janet. A visit to their house was always a treat. Sending my love to Tom, Steve, and Terri. Your parents loved you so very much. Sharon Fosket Kozachik

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**Sharon Kozachik** - July 28, 2016 at 07:38 PM

MR

“ A great guy! I still miss the old days with Pete at the Alpine; Pete and Jan always in residence at the Office Bar, it seemed like. Pete (and Jan) are the only persons that attended my funeral ... a long and funny story.

*Mike Reed*

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**Mike Reed** - July 26, 2016 at 11:43 AM

DF

“ Uncle Pete was my favorite uncle growing up as a little boy. He was always a lot of fun to be around. I have lots of great memories of Forte family. He would always make you laugh. Use to go fishing with him and aunt Janet on their pontoon at Wilkerson lake where their cottage was. And deer hunt with him in their woods behind their house. RIP Uncle Pete and now you and Aunt Janet are now together. Love David Fosket

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**david lee fosket** - July 26, 2016 at 06:40 AM



“ *Dear Forte family,  
It was a total honor to know father. The very first night I met him it was because he had backed into my son's car in the eagles parking lot, I got super mad and wondered who this drunk was, in walks this sweet little guy and I melted. He had a vernors to drink all night that was it. He felt horrible and I assured him no worries it would be ok. After that every time he walked in he would say to me you didn't park by me today did you? I don't want you running into me :) Pete would sit and talk tell me story's about his children and his wife Jan and all his businesses that he had owned and how he and Jan invented the PJs. You will truly be missed Pete you were loved by all. Fly free sweet man.....*

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**Love Lines** - July 25, 2016 at 06:06 PM