



Peter Van Elswyk

June 27, 2014

Sussex – Peter Van Elswyk, Jr., age 77, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, June 27, 2014 at his residence in Lake Neepaulin. Peter was born on February 17, 1937 in Ridgewood, NJ to the late Peter and Elizabeth (Bickerstaff) Van Elswyk and had lived in Sussex County most of his life. Peter graduated from Frankford Township School and attended Newton High School. Growing up, Peter worked on his family's farm and drove for their milk pick up and delivery business. As a young adult, he worked as a diesel mechanic at Mack trucks in Paterson, NJ, Dunn Trucking, and Dunn and Dunn Well Drilling in Sussex and then as a shop foreman at Great Dane Trailer Sales in Florida, NY. A self-taught auctioneer, much of his adult life was spent as an auctioneer at Tyrell and Sons Auction in Bullville, NY where he sold horses and tack every other weekend and cars and livestock on alternating Wednesday nights. He also owned and operated Pete Van Elswyk Auction Service. He never lost his desire for farming and operated a custom farming business, Sussex Farm Service. He was a project manager for Richard L. Dunn Excavating and oversaw projects such as North Field Estates and Wantage Estates. He also operated a small dairy until he retired from farming and became a motor coach driver. As a tour bus driver he drove for Leprechaun Lines, Wagner Tours, and Aristocrat Limousine and Bus Co., touring mainly Canada, Bransen, Nashville, and throughout the east coast driving 1 million trouble-free miles before retiring. In his retirement, he operated a small tool business at Hackettstown Livestock Market for many

years. He was predeceased by his sister, Mary Elizabeth Van Elswyk and step-mother, Gertrude Van Elswyk (Van den Bush). He is survived by his son, Michael and his wife Cindy of Fredon and their children, Mike Jr. of Fredon and Taylor, and her daughter, Scarlett of Sparta; his daughter, Mary Mac Gregor and her husband Bill of Longmont, Colorado; step-son Joseph Guilmette of Saugatuck, Michigan and his children, Jaqueline of Pine Island, NY and Alexandria of Holland, Michigan; and his nephew, Bruce Shuart and niece, Jennifer McCarthy and their families of Wantage. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 3, 2014 at the Lafayette Federated Church, 180 State Route 15, Lafayette, NJ 07848. Interment will immediately follow at George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Wednesday, July 2, 2014 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Memorial donations may be made to the Sussex Help Center, 28 Main Street, Sussex, NJ 07461. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

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“*Heartfelt condolences on your family's loss. God bless you. Pete was a good friend. He helped me out so much and taught me a lot about horses and farming. He knew so much and was always willing to share his knowledge. I will miss our trips to Pennsylvania, lunches, and visits together. I really enjoyed the times we spent with each other. He will be missed and remembered.*”

Martino Restelli - June 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“*Mike, Cindy & Family: Sending condolences from Florida, sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. Take Care.*”

Cindy Westbrook Fiorenza - June 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM