



Peter H. Ostrander

August 6, 1936 - April 14, 2025

Peter H Ostrander passed away peacefully on April 14 surrounded by the love of his family at Livingston Hills Rehabilitation Center. Born August 6, 1936 to Frank W and Dorothy E (Barbour) Ostrander, he grew up on his family's dairy farm in Ghent, NY. He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Betty (Viskup), his daughter Valerie and his step-children: Donna Lynk and her husband James Campion, Scott Lynk and his wife Dee, Gary Lynk and his wife Frances, Gregg Lynk and his wife Monique, as well as his grandchildren Florentina, Joshua, Elena, Courtney, Moriah, Morgan, Collin and Kelly and great grandchildren Cole and Lynk. He was predeceased by his brother, John and son Peter A. Peter was a 1954 graduate of Hudson High School. He attended Columbia University on a Navy ROTC scholarship and graduated in 1957. He was a remarkable man with many accomplishments and a great sense of community that can be summarized with one word: service. Overall, he served in the Navy for 30 years and retired with the rank of Captain. Among his duties in the Navy, he was an instructor at Massachusetts Maritime Academy, sailed on the USS McNair and USS Laffey, and participated as a member of the National Discharge Review Board. In between the times of his enlistment in the Navy, he worked for Mobile Oil; was a realtor; was the Assessor for the Towns of Ghent and Greenport and several other Columbia County towns; returned to farming, and taught Introduction to Computers and continuing education for assessor's classes in the adult education program at Columbia- Greene Community College. Peter was always anxious to share his vast knowledge with both new and seasoned assessors. He was the "go to guy" when complex questions arose. He was a founding member of the Ostrander Family Association, an organization devoted to the genealogy and history of the Ostrander family. He volunteered with the West Ghent Fire Department and served as President of the Philmont Rotary Club. He was also a member of the Reformed Dutch Church of Claverack. Services are private and Burial at Sea with full military honors will take place at a later date. Donations may be made to Dwyer Program for Veteran Services, 389 Fairview Ave., Hudson, NY 12534