



Peter Hans Gernand

May 12, 1945 - September 7, 2025

Peter Hans Gernand of Cottrellville, Michigan, born May 12, 1945, in Darmstadt, Germany, a proud war veteran, devoted husband, and steadfast servant to others, passed away on September 7, 2025, surrounded by his family.

Peter lived a life defined by service, integrity, and love. He bravely served his country with honor and dedication, carrying those same values into every part of his life. After his military service, Peter continued to dedicate himself to his community as a police officer for 30 years, protecting and serving with courage, fairness, and compassion. Beyond his career, he was known for his generosity, kindness, and quiet strength—always putting the needs of others before his own.

He was a loving husband of Carol and the proud father of Paul (Cindy), Julie (Chad), Daniel (Donna), and Bethany. His legacy of love and wisdom lives on through his grandchildren—Christopher, Julianne, Zildjian, Elizabeth, and Mex—and his great-grandson, Vincent.

Peter's family and friends will remember him as a man of deep conviction, unwavering loyalty, and endless compassion. He cherished time with his loved ones and found great joy in watching his family grow. His life was a testament to the values of service, sacrifice, and unconditional love.

Though he will be deeply missed, Peter's spirit continues to live on in the lives of those he touched. His family takes comfort in knowing that his legacy of service and love will endure for generations to come.

Visitation is 3:00-7:00 pm on Sunday, September 14, 2025 at the Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel, 35259 23 Mile Road, New Baltimore, MI

Military Service 6:00 pm, Sunday, September 14, 2025 in the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to VFW Post 7573 or VVA Chapter 154.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **14.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel
35259 23 Mile Road
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Military Honors

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Tribute Wall

BJ

“Pete was always the seeker of truth, never burdened by time or obstructions thrown in his way. A friend, confidant and rock solid soldier who I could count on to ensure any mission tasked was accomplished. He will be missed! BG(R) Arthur G. Austin Jr.

Brigadier General Arthur G. Austin Jr. - September 20, 2025 at 06:49 PM

TM

“Pete was an inspiring mentor during my military service. He was an accomplished soldier and exemplary man.

Timothy Mark - September 14, 2025 at 04:20 PM

SJ

“Sergeant Major Retired John D.. Jessee purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Peter Hans Gernand.



Sergeant Major Retired John D.. Jessee - September 13, 2025 at 09:06 AM

SJ

“Sergeant Major Retired John D.. Jessee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peter Hans Gernand.

Sergeant Major Retired John D.. Jessee - September 13, 2025 at 09:06 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peter Hans Gernand.*



September 12, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ *Dad once told me if anyone ever hurt his kids or grandkids he would literally take someone out. He said his PTSD was a get outta jail free card.*

Daniel Gernand - September 10, 2025 at 07:08 PM



“ *I was welcomed into the family over 20 years ago and Pete took me on as one of his own. Pete worked endlessly to help others in need. He never rested and was always a phone call away. He would drop what he was doing to help us or anyone else. I will miss his stories about all his adventures; from working as a Detroit cop to all his experiences in the military. My heart now has a big hole in it. Sorry we never made it to Germany with you Dad. We still plan on going to visit where you grew up someday. Love you pops!*

Donna Gernand - September 10, 2025 at 08:22 AM



“ *My dad is the only guy I know that could lose toes to a circular saw. He was more made that he just bought his new shoes. We kept a red towel in the garage for when he injured himself tinkering so mom wouldn't have to get the stains out.*

Daniel Gernand - September 09, 2025 at 02:21 PM

KN

He was a wonderful brother as well as a good friend I will surely miss our monthly lunches He will forever live in my heart Miss you little brother love Karin

Karin Nieto - September 09, 2025 at 08:36 PM

DG

Awww, tears are flowing

Donna Gernand - September 10, 2025 at 08:23 AM

ES

Pete was a compassionate man. His attendance at funerals of veterans he didn't even know is evidence of that. I'm fortunate that I knew Pete. We'll miss you soldier.

Eugene T Schlarman - September 10, 2025 at 07:58 PM