

PETER WESTFALL BERGER

12/26/33 - 4/16/19

Peter Westfall Berger, of Pasadena, CA, died peacefully at home on April 16, 2019, surrounded by family.

Peter was born in Hollywood, CA in 1933, the third of four children, to Paul Francis and Inez Westfall Berger; and grew up in Pasadena, CA, attending Mayfield Jr School and St. Philip The Apostle, before moving on to Loyola High School, and then Santa Clara University. After college, Peter joined the Navy, earning the rank of LTJG and learning to land fighter planes on aircraft carriers.

Peter, with his brother Paul Francis Jr., then co-founded Berger Bros., Inc., a commercial construction company, in 1959. The two would go on to build many of the most prominent buildings throughout Southern California.

In 1959, Peter attended a dance where he walked the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. He turned to his friend and said “that’s the woman I’m going to marry”. Being a man of his word, Peter proposed to Eliane Dermingham just one month after their first date. Together they had nine children and spent the next 60 years with each other.

An extremely hard worker all of his life, Peter always found time for his family. He was a loving, generous, and thoughtful husband, father, and grandfather. Never one to shy away from helping others, Peter lived what he taught. He was an incredibly kind man and a consummate gentleman.

Peter is survived by his wife Eliane; his nine children and their spouses: Martha Johnson (Frederick); Peter (Ingrid); Brian (Anne); Paul; Michael (Stacy); Jonathan (Robert Nachman); Angelique; Chantal Bennett (Stephen); and Ariana Kirkpatrick (David); sixteen grandchildren; his older sister, Sr. Inez Marie SHCJ; his sister-in-law Gretchen Berger and her six children; numerous nieces, nephews, and friends; and his loyal dog, Lucy.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

ENTRANCE PROCESSION PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS
GREETINGS
 SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER
 PLACING OF THE PALL
GATHERING SONG BE NOT AFRAID
OPENING PRAYER MSGR. CLEMENT J. CONNELLY

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1ST READING: AMELIA BERGER
 SIRACH 3:2-6, 12-14
 THE WORD OF THE LORD
 ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
 TO YOU, O LORD I LIFT UP MY SOUL

2ND READING BRIGITTE BERGER
 1 JOHN 4:19-5:4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL: LUKE 2:22-35
 THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD
 ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

HOMILY MSGR. CLEMENT J. CONNELLY

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL CATHERINE JOHNSON
 WE PRAY TO THE LORD CHARLIE BENNETT
 ALL: LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER PETER BERGER
 LAUREN BENNETT

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS ELIZABETH BERGER
 JOHN PAUL BENNETT
 MARGAUX BERGER

AVÉ MARIA KATIE BENNETT

COMMUNION RITE

OUR FATHER
SIGN OF PEACE
ALL: PEACE BE WITH YOU

COMMUNION I HAVE LOVED YOU
COMMUNION SONGS AS THE DEER LONGS

REMEMBRANCE

JOHN MAECHLING | LARRY MACKEL | JONATHAN BERGER

FINAL COMMENDATION

SONG OF FAREWELL SONG OF FAREWELL

FINAL BLESSING MSGR. CLEMENT J. CONNELLY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ON EAGLE'S WINGS

CANTORS & VIOLINIST

CARMELITES | CYNTHIA MOUSSAS

MILITARY HONORS

PALLBEARERS

PETER W. BERGER, JR. | BRIAN M. BERGER | PAUL A. BERGER
MICHAEL C. BERGER | JONATHAN J. BERGER | FREDERICK D JOHNSON, III
STEPHEN F. BENNETT | ROBERT D. NACHMAN | DAVID L. KIRKPATRICK



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DECEMBER 26, 1933 - APRIL 16, 2019

"AND WHEN THE EARTH SHALL CLAIM YOUR LIMBS,
THEN SHALL YOU TRULY DANCE!"

KAHLIL GIBRAN

