



## Dr. Peter Keller

November 19, 1945 - July 5, 2025

Dr. Peter Keller – Age 79 – passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 5th, 2025, in Holly, MI.

Peter was born to Philipp and Maria Keller on November 19, 1945 in Senftenbach, Austria. At the age of 6, he, along with his brother and parents, immigrated to Detroit, MI.

Peter's adult years led him to serve in the United States Army and complete multiple degrees and certifications in Orthodontics, Pedodontics, and Dentistry. While he was known to most as Dr. Keller, DDS, MS, PC, he was also tremendously proud of his experience teaching for the University of Detroit-Mercy as a maxillofacial specialist. He was greatly admired by peers and students in his field and was loved by his patients.

Outside of his professional life, he found great joy in the outdoors, spending time hunting and fishing with his family and friends, traveling the world, and skiing in his younger years. While home, he was often found perfecting his home and yard, working in his workshop, training one of his many German Shepherds, or celebrating the victories of the University of Michigan Wolverines – all while smoking one of his many pipes.

Peter is survived by his brother Frank Keller (Theresa) and sister Maria Kison

(Bill). He leaves behind his children, Paul Keller (Jenell) and Karl Keller (Hannah), grandchildren Nolan, Blair, and Catarina, and many other family members and friends.

There will be a memorial service and celebration of life on Friday, July 18th at: 2165 Whispering Hills Ct, Washington Twp, MI from 2pm – 7pm. A Memorial service will take place at 3pm; German fare served. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to Tunnels to Towers, an organization Pete was passionate about.

According to his wishes, cremation has taken place. His ashes will be laid to rest at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI at a date yet to be determined.

Please share your memories and condolences online with Peter's family at [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 18. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dr. Peter Keller's Home  
2165 Whispering Hills Court  
Washington, MI 48094-1034

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The McIntyres purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dr. Peter Keller.*



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“ *The McIntyres planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Peter Keller.*

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“ *It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to my Uncle Pete. He was special to Julie, Mike, and I. He showed us love the only way he could... through his actions.*

*As an Austrian immigrant, he had to work so very hard for his successes. I am so touched by my cousin Paul and my Mom and Dad along with so many others in their caretaking of him this past year. We are grateful he's no longer suffering.*

*As I reflect on his life I am reminded of so many "firsts" gifted by him to us.*

*~Julie and I (twin girl nieces) FIRST made him an uncle. He was Dr. Keller to so many, but always uncle Pete to us.*

*~Uncle Pete & Aunt Meg gave us our FIRST cousins, Paul & Karl, at 7 & 10 years old. They were Julie and my "real life cabbage patch dolls" to play with. We were so excited to hold these boys and spent many a night at their house babysitting them!*

*~As an orthodontist I was one of Uncle Petes FIRST patients. At the age of ~5 I had my first tooth impressions and from that day forward I was his guinea pig! At the age of 7 he strapped me up with a chin cup for 3 years to wear at night so that he could correct my Class III underbite.... He successfully prevented me from having jaw surgery later in life. It worked! He was a perfectionist at his work and we had to beg him to take our braces off after 3 plus years as they weren't "perfect yet".... Every month for years we sat in his chair with our smiles "being perfected"*

*FUN FACT: When I was in 2nd grade my 4 front teeth were like walrus crooked teeth (YIKES my First communion picture) He said, I can fix that and put 4 brackets on my front upper teeth to straighten them out until I was ready for the full set!*

*~At the age of 14 he bought us our FIRST dog. We had been*

*begging Mom Theresa Vitale Keller & Dad Frank Keller for a puppy for years and uncle Pete came to the rescue (he might not have asked, but did warn our parents he was coming over with a puppy in a box for us) aka. Hansie the Wiener dog.*

*~He told us for years when we turn 16 he wanted Julie & I to work for him. He kept his promise and on our 16th birthday he gave us our FIRST job. We worked for him for 5 years through high school and college Christmas breaks. He taught me what hard work, professionalism, and orthodontics looked like. We spent many days together as he treated so many patients and we got to work with such wonderful women...*

*~In later years after I moved to Minnesota, he was ALWAYS the FIRST one to call or text on my birthday... EVERY year.... I too, called him on his birthday, November 19th. It was nice to discuss the family hunting trip he usually just came back from at his cabin and of course Michigan Football. He was a wolverine at heart... GO BLUE!*

*~ Most importantly he and Aunt Meg Keller were always so gracious and FIRST to open their home to our family... They held so many gatherings in their house... too many to count. To name a few special ones: our baby showers, bridal showers, wedding rehearsal dinners, winter sledding parties, Christmas gatherings, cousins parties...*

*May you rest in peace, Uncle Pete, you have touched so many lives and helped so many patients through the years to smile brightly. Thank you for my smile (through the tears)....*

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**Paula Dieterle** - July 09, 2025 at 06:01 PM