



## Francis "Pete" Toomey Jr.

April 8, 1935 - May 11, 2013

Charlotte - Francis Peter "Pete" Toomey Jr., 78, passed away peacefully Saturday May 11, 2013 at Union County Hospice House in Monroe, NC. He was born on April 8, 1935 in Charlotte, NC, son of the late Francis "Frank" P. and Kathleen (Gallagher) Toomey.

Mr. Toomey retired from the Charlotte Police Department in April, 1990 as a Sergeant, having served 25 years of service in law enforcement. During his service with CPD, Pete was active in many bureaus such as the Crime Lab, Crime Prevention, Training Academy and several Patrol Divisions. He was one of the founding members of the CPD Bomb Squad and the CPD Scuba Search & Recovery Team.

Prior to joining the Charlotte Police Department, Pete was a DJ for Charlotte radio station WGIV. He started working there in his mid teens after school doing general tasks and began working full time after graduating from O'Donoghue (Charlotte Catholic) High School in 1953. A chance to fill in for another DJ paved the way for his radio career as the "Hound Dawg", a moniker that stayed with him for years beyond his radio career. Pete spent 12 years in that field as a radio personality before joining the Charlotte Police Department in 1965. He first worked as a radio dispatcher when he joined to CPD Reserves then became a full time officer shortly after. His radio background came back into action in the early 1970's as the "Big WAYS"

Traffic Cop, advising listeners of traffic problems while flying over Charlotte in the station's helicopter.

In 1955, Pete met Delores Hoover, daughter of Belmont Police Chief Giles E. Hoover. Pete and Delores married in 1956 and, in addition to his beautiful wife, he also gained one of his lifelong best friends, her older brother Harold Hoover.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters Margaret "Peggy" Hege and Dolores Toomey; his brother Timothy "Tim" Charles Toomey and his beloved granddaughter Tiffany Anne Pope, who each met him in Heaven.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nursing staff of Presbyterian Hospital-Matthews for their care and comfort while Mr. Toomey was a patient. We also want to express our extreme gratitude to the wonderful staff of Union County Hospice House for putting comfort and peace in Mr. Toomey's time there. He was truly blessed to be there.

Pete is survived by his wife of 57 years, Delores Hoover Toomey, sons Francis Peter "Pete" Toomey III, William "Bill" Patrick Toomey (Ellen); daughters Mare Toomey Simpson, Patrica "Patty" Toomey Yates (David) and Robbin Toomey Souza (Jim); and the constant source of his pride and joy-all of his grandchildren: Ryan Toomey, Kelsey Toomey (children of Pete Toomey III and Regina Short), Sean Toomey (Miranda Reed), Joshua Toomey, Brennan Yates (Mandy), Colby, Tanner, Conner and Skylar Yates, Melissa Brooke, Brittany and Brandise Souza and great grandchildren Damon, Caden and Noah Yates.

Services will be held Thursday May 16, 2013 at Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home in Matthews. Visitation is at 5:00 PM and the memorial service will be held at 7:00 PM. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.LoweNeddoFuneral](http://www.LoweNeddoFuneral)

Home.com

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund ([www.nleomf.com](http://www.nleomf.com))

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **16**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Francis "Pete" Toomey Jr.*



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**Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home** - May 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Francis "Pete" Toomey Jr.*

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October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Francis "Pete" Toomey Jr.*


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October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *A bushel and peck, and a hug around the neck.....that is what my granddad Pete always said when i hugged hem! I love and miss you Grandad. Love*

**SKYLAR (YOLANDA) YATES**

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**skylar** - September 29, 2013 at 09:11 AM

 Robin  
Toomey-  
Souza

“ *Robin Toomey-Souza lit a candle in memory  
of Francis "Pete" Toomey Jr.*



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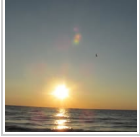
**Robin Toomey-Souza** - August 31, 2013 at 12:06 PM

 Robin  
Toomey-

*Daddy, I wish you were here! I love you & I miss you so very, very  
much!*

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**Robin Toomey-Souza** - August 31, 2013 at 12:09 PM



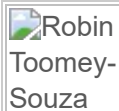
“ I'm sure when you see this, you will be scratching your heads and wondering who the heck we are! We met Pete when we were camping at Myrtle Beach State Park back around 2003, somewhere in there. Pete was across the road from us and we admired the light pole out front of his rig. He told us he had designed it and shared the plans with us, and we spent many afternoons deep in conversation. He liked our hound dog CJ, said he had never seen such a happy dog! Outside of his dog, of course! We could tell Pete was a fine, decent family man, even though we didn't know him long or know him well. We stayed in touch via email for a while and tried to get together when we were working in Charlotte and staying in Ft Mill, but somehow our schedules never meshed then. Gradually we lost touch but we never forgot Pete! Even now when we go to the State Park, we see one of his creations and say Pete will always be at the State Park, even if it is only through his lights! I was cleaning out a drawer in my motor home yesterday and found the business card he had given us with his name and email on it. I did a google search and found the obituary, and I felt I had to leave a message for the family. We share your loss, even though it has been years and years since we heard from Pete. He was a fine, fine man, someone with a sense of humor and a love of family and friends. You are in our thoughts and prayers.



---Cathy Robbins & Johnny Ketcham

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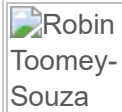
**Cathy Robbins** - June 23, 2013 at 07:43 AM



“ Jim Souza was added to the Family Tree.

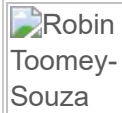
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**Robin Toomey-Souza** - June 11, 2013 at 11:30 AM



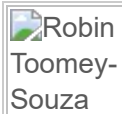
“ *Delores Hoover Toomey was added to the Family Tree.*

Robin Toomey-Souza - June 11, 2013 at 11:30 AM



“ *Brandise Annette Souza was added to the Family Tree.*

Robin Toomey-Souza - June 11, 2013 at 11:29 AM



“ *Brittany Nicole Souza was added to the Family Tree.*

Robin Toomey-Souza - June 11, 2013 at 11:28 AM



“ *Delores and family, I am so very sorry to hear about Pete. I've been feeling for weeks I needed to call him but have been going through my own grief with Bob's loss on April 21. You and your family are forever in my thoughts and prayers. I love you both and will miss Pete as a dear, long-time friend who is irreplaceable. I pray that God will give you the strength to get through his loss. Love, Frankie Bogutsky*

Frankie Bogutsky - May 19, 2013 at 06:30 AM

PY

“ Dad,  
*I have been truly blessed to have you as my Daddy! I hope I made you as proud, because I am truly proud to be your daughter. There aren't the right words to say to you on here for all to see, you will be hearing it personally from me privately and often. I love you more than you will ever know and I am really going to miss talking face to face and hearing your voice. I may not hear your voice now, but I will always hear your words. You are a great man and thank you for all you have done for me and my kids. I will miss you....until I see you again. I hope Heaven enjoys your ribs because no one here will be able to get them right I love you !!*

*Love,  
Patty*

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**patty yates** - May 16, 2013 at 08:13 PM

JS

“ *Pete was a fine man and Police Officer, he will be missed. I worked with pete at the Charlotte Police Dept. and learned a lot from him.*

*Retired Reserve Major James F. Squires CMPD*

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**James Squires** - May 16, 2013 at 04:01 PM

TO

“ *We are sorry to hear of the loss of your husband, father, uncle and friend. We sincerely extend our condolences to all. May you find peace in the comfort of the Lord knowing Pete is in his hands.*  
*Tad and Polly Ormiston*

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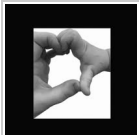
**Tad and Polly Ormiston** - May 16, 2013 at 03:22 PM

JE

“ DEAR TOOMEY FAMILY,  
I HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH PETE WHEN HE WAS WITH CRIME PREVENTION [HE HELPED ME SO MUCH WITH A PROJECT, "SAFETY HAVEN"]  
PETE WAS FUN TO WORK WITH, A PERFECT GENTLEMAN, AND A HUGE ASSET TO THE POLICE DEPT.---I MUST ADMIT , THAT I WAS SUPRISED TO FIND THAT THE POLICE OFFICER I WAS TO MEET WITH [AT THE FIRST MEETING] WAS PETE--I KNEW HIM FROM O'DONOGHUE AND AS "HOUND DAWG"--- BUT NO MATTER WHAT HIS NAME WAS OR WHERE I KNEW HIM FROM, HE WAS THE GREATEST.-I, LIKE ALL WHO KNEW HIM, ARE SINCERELY SADDEN AT HIS PASSING AND WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HIM---AS SHOULD ALL IN CHARLOTTE BECAUSE HE DID SO MUCH TO KEEP US SAFE AND MAKE US HAPPY.  
MY THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU AND MY PRAYERS ARE FOR YOU--GOD BLESS ALL  
SINCERE SYMPATHY.  
JERI PRESSMAN GERTZMAN

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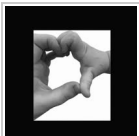
jerigertzman - May 16, 2013 at 10:19 AM



“ Melissa Brooke Souza was added to the Family Tree.

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Melissa Souza - May 16, 2013 at 12:02 AM



“ Though I miss you more than anything, I know you will be sitting there in Heaven with Tiffany watching over us? I love you Granddaddy!!!



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Melissa Souza - May 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Joe Harrell lit a candle in memory of Francis "Pete" Toomey Jr.



Joe Harrell - May 15, 2013 at 08:23 PM

AR

“ Alan Rose lit a candle in memory of Francis "Pete" Toomey Jr.



Alan Rose - May 15, 2013 at 03:14 PM

AR

*Lit a candle for "Pappa T" and all of the family. You're all in mine and Linda's prayers.*

Alan Rose - May 15, 2013 at 03:17 PM

SS

“ Shirley Stamper lit a candle in memory of Francis "Pete" Toomey Jr.



Shirley Stamper - May 15, 2013 at 03:08 PM

SS

*Delores and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. May you find peace and comfort in our Lord and Savior. You are not alone because friends do care and are thinking about you. God Bless you in the days ahead and always.*

Shirley Stamper - May 15, 2013 at 03:17 PM

ST

“ Sadden to hear about Mr. Toomey's passing. Praying for your family during this time of loss.

*Shelly Stamper-Talley*

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**Shelly Talley** - May 15, 2013 at 02:53 PM

DN

“ Dear Delores and family, Del and I want you to know how sad we are for your loss. Pete Toomey always made us feel special and loved! His larger than life personality will remain with us throughout our lifetime, in colorful memories and abundant laughter. Here's to you Pete - we love you and appreciate all you were to us.

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**Del & Anita Newhouse** - May 15, 2013 at 02:17 PM

(S)

“ Pete was a great friend and mentor to a young guy aspiring to be a Charlotte Police Officer getting started back in the early 70's. From my time as a police explorer to my time on the streets, I could always count on the guidance, advice and direction plus the watchful eye of a policeman's policeman, Officer Pete Toomey. We also knew each other through the Hege family. It is with a saddened but very thankful and proud heart that I write these words about my friend. Go Rest High on that Mountain Pete, and thanks for all the care and friendship over the years. I'll carry on the radio part for you.

*(Officer) Brian Stickley*

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**(Officer) Brian Stickley** - May 15, 2013 at 02:02 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Francis "Pete" Toomey Jr..*



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May 15, 2013 at 11:14 AM



“ *I'm sorry I cannot attend Pete's tribute service tomorrow as I will be out of town until after the weekend. I'm proud that Pete allowed me into his circle of friends. He was a great guy and well respected as a police officer, sergeant and person. And he could find humor in many things and always a humorous way to tell stories. He could also cook up some mean bar-b-que. Pete, you will be missed by so many in so many ways. RIP, my friend! Ross Stutts, Matthews, N.C.*

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**Ross Stutts** - May 15, 2013 at 07:49 AM



“ *Daddy,  
I love you and I ,miss you so very, very much!  
Please hug Tiffany & Cocoa for me!*



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**Robin Toomey-Souza** - May 15, 2013 at 06:45 AM



“ *Lowe Neddo Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Francis "Pete" Toomey Jr.*



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**Lowe Neddo Funeral Home** - May 13, 2013 at 04:50 PM

MF

*MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH you. We have been neighbors and friends for many years. Thinking of you. Madelyn Lewis and Family*

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**Madelyn Lewis and Family** - May 14, 2013 at 05:45 PM

RE

*Thank you Pappa T for always being there for Ryan and Kelsey and me. You always made me feel like a daughter. I Love You. and miss you.*

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**Regina** - May 21, 2013 at 04:59 PM