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Peter grew up in Narberth with his two brothers, David and Greg. He loved playing basketball at the park and riding his bike to the little downtown. He graduated from Friends Central and went to Penn State where he majored in History. Peter loved history and wanted to pursue a career as a teacher in that field. He completed his Masters in International Relations at the University of Chicago and a Masters in History at the New School where he was named the outstanding student in his class. At the time of his sudden death, he was living in New York City, tutoring and working to become a certified teacher at CCNY.

Peter read constantly and thought deeply about both the past and the present. He knew so much about so many things and always wanted to know more and understand better. He never settled for the surface. He wanted to focus his studies on India, so spent almost a year there on his own, learning the language, traveling, experiencing its culture and people.

Peter also loved the outdoors, the animals, birds and beautiful places. He spent much of his free time at the family's home in Pike County where he hiked the trails, paddled the streams, fished, took pictures and always looked

for new places to explore. He loved Wellfleet where the family vacationed almost every year, its dunes and woods, ponds and of course, the ocean. He traveled to places around the world on his own and with his parents.

Peter was an amazing cook. He found interesting restaurants wherever he was and loved to eat great meals and try new foods. He took beautiful pictures. He loved his family and was always there to take care of us, without needing anything in return. He cared about what was happening in the world, to the environment, to our country. He always had a special relationship with animals, especially his beloved dog Dylan, who died just a few months earlier.

Peter was a quiet person, a kind, thoughtful, compassionate person with a subtle sense of humor, a deep thinker with a remarkable intellect and desire to keep learning.

He is survived by his parents Richard Bernstein and Christine Wilson, his brother David, his wife Nicole Gordon and son, Graham, his brother Gregory, uncle Douglas Wilson and wife Barbara Valliere, aunts Joan Knox, husband Jim and cousin Matthew, Carolyn Goldsmith and Kathleen Kindberg, husband Cary and cousin Katrina.

His Funeral Service will be private.

Contributions can be made to the Delaware Highlands Conservatory or Doctors Without Borders.

Tribute Wall

OF

“ My name is Oz Frankel. I am a professor of history at the New School for Social Research. Peter was a student in two of my classes. I was his MA thesis advisor. In addition, he served as my research assistant. Only a few days ago, my colleagues and I learned that Peter passed away. The dreadful news came as a shock. Peter was a beloved students and classmate. Always soft spoken, he very quickly proved to be a cerebral, erudite individual with a wry sense of humor, and an unfailingly sharp reader of texts, whose class discussion remarks were consistently insightful. Peter’s written work and research capacity were equally superb. Peter’s MA thesis explored the diverse American responses to the 1857 rebellion in British India. It was a meticulously researched, well-written and well-argued historical work. Peter’s thesis and class performance earned him our Outstanding MA Student Award for the 2023/24 academic year. It is heartbreaking to see a life cut short so early and doubly so when it’s the life of a mentee, trusted assistant, and promising student whose achievements we recognized and celebrated less than a year ago. On behalf of myself and my colleagues I would like to extend our most heartfelt condolences to the Bernstein’s family.

Oz Frankel - March 06, 2025 at 03:12 PM

SR

“ Thanks for the last 13 years of support. I love you Pete ❤️



Sean R. - February 02, 2025 at 05:23 PM

SE

“ Dear Dick and Family:
I recall the pride-filled stories you shared with me about your sons during our time together at the USAO. My prayers are with you and your family. May God grant you peace and the ability to recall fondly your dear son whenever the loss feels too great to bear.
Sincerely, Sonya Lawrence

Sonya Lawrence EdD - January 25, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Peter Jeremy Bernstein.

January 23, 2025 at 10:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Peter Jeremy Bernstein.

January 23, 2025 at 05:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peter Jeremy Bernstein.



January 22, 2025 at 08:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Peter Jeremy Bernstein.

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“ Veronica F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peter Jeremy Bernstein.

Veronica F. - January 22, 2025 at 04:33 PM

CF

“ Dick and Chris and family, Sonny and I are so sorry to learn of this. I remember Dick talking at the office about Peter and his brothers with such unbounded love and pride. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you get through this sad, difficult time.
Cathy Frye and Sonny Popowsky

Cathy Frye - January 22, 2025 at 11:45 AM