



Terence O'Neill Peddicord

November 25, 1949 - January 4, 2024

Terence O'Neill Peddicord of Pasadena, MD died on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at the age of 74. He worked as a community news journalist for 34 years and later served five years as a District Court Commissioner in Harford County, Md. before retiring in 2014.

Called "Terry" by family and friends, that is also how newspaper readers came to know him from his byline on hundreds of articles published by The Aegis in Bel Air and the Cecil Whig in Elkton, Md. where he spent the bulk of his newspaper career.

Starting as a reporter at the Whig in 1975, Terry expanded his experience covering courts and police news for five years at the then family-owned Aegis. The weekly paper, operated by the Worthington family for three generations, was extremely popular with Harford Countians at a time when six different newspapers fiercely competed for their attention.

Returning to the Cecil Whig in 1983 as its news editor, Terry also continued reporting. His coverage of a two-year political corruption investigation by the Maryland Attorney General's Office garnered him a top award with the Suburban Newspapers of America in 1985. He received first place for In-Depth Reporting recognizing 52 articles Terry wrote about the bribery and county road contract kickback scheme involving two Cecil County politicians.

As the Whig made its transition to publishing twice a week in 1986 and publishing daily in 1989, Terry was instrumental in guiding the editorial

department's role in the expansions. He was promoted to editor in 1992. He worked at the Whig for 29 years.

Leaving the Whig in 2009 after the paper was sold and subsequent economic problems nearly closed the doors for a lot of community papers, Terry moved from Cecil County to Bel Air where he obtained employment with the Harford County District Court. His background as a reporter, especially covering courts in Harford County, gave him a unique and helpful perspective for serving as a judicial officer -- a District Court Commissioner. Born on Nov. 25, 1949 to Robert Clagett Peddicord and Catherine Agnes O'Neill of Baltimore, Terry was the middle child in a family of ten. They lived in the Mount Washington area. Survived by four sisters and four brothers, his brother Anthony (Tony) preceded him in death. His parents are buried at a cemetery in Bel Air.

Terry married the love of his life, Melanie Langlely, in 1978. Still together after 45 years. In addition to Melanie he is survived by a son, Michael Peddicord and his wife, Sarah, and a daughter Ashley Peddicord-Austin and her husband Kurt Austin. Also four grandsons, Aiden and Chase Peddicord, Connor and Caleb Austin.

"Being a Pop-Pop was my greatest accomplishment and joy," Terry said. "A happy marriage and two wonderful kids. I was a lucky man."

Private services will be held at Glen Haven Memorial Park in Glen Burnie, MD. In lieu of flowers, the family appreciates donations to the Parkinson's Foundation or your preferred charity.

Tribute Wall

RR

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to you and the family. I will keep the entire family in my thoughts and prayers. Wishing you all moments of peace and comfort during this difficult time.\n\nRobin T. Randle\nCMS/CCSQ/BOG - DAO Team

Robin Randle - January 12, 2024 at 08:28 AM

JM

“ Please accept my sincere condolences. May God's peace and comfort be with you all during this difficult time, and may you find joy and happiness as you celebrate the cherished memories that you have with Terence. God bless.\n\nJack Murphy\nCMS/CCSQ/BOG-DAO

Jack Murphy - January 11, 2024 at 09:31 AM

BT

“ We offer our sincerest condolences at this time. May you all get through this difficult time with prayer and comfort from friends and family.

BOG - DAO Team - January 11, 2024 at 08:24 AM

KS

“ May your happy memories give you peace and comfort during this challenging time. Praying for you all during this difficult time.\n\nCMS/CCSQ/BOG - DAO Team

Keya Smith - January 10, 2024 at 03:01 PM

GH

“ I'm sorry to hear about Terry. He was always gentle and kind to those around him. May he be at peace.\n\nGiulia M. Hodge

Giulia M. Hodge - January 09, 2024 at 06:31 PM

CV

“ Mrs. Peddicord, Mike, and Ashley,\n\nI am very sorry for your loss and wish you peace during this difficult time. \n\nWith heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies,\n\nCarrie Vivian

Carrie Vivian - January 09, 2024 at 06:25 PM

MM

“ So many great memories with Terry at the Cecil Whig. He was a truly genuine person and will be missed.

Matthew Mezzatesta - January 09, 2024 at 05:48 PM

AM

“ I remember Terry fondly during my time as a reporter at The Whig. He was always so kind and knowledgeable of the newspaper business and as a cub reporter, I appreciated his wisdom. He also gave me the opportunity to cover a canonization in Rome, Italy, and it was an experience that changed my life both personally and professionally. He was a gift to the newspaper business and will be sorely missed. I wish his wife, children and grandchildren love and peace as they navigate the loss of great man.

April Capochino Myers - January 08, 2024 at 04:05 PM

DS

“ Ashley - my condolences to you and your family during this time of reflection.\n\nAvareena Cropper

Dr. Avareena Schools-Cropper - January 08, 2024 at 01:50 PM

SM

“ A dear friend and co-worker at the Cecil Whig for many years. So very sorry to hear this news. Bless his family, I know he will be truly and deeply missed. RIP Terry ❤️

Shirley McCauley - January 08, 2024 at 12:35 PM

AN

“ Terence O'Neill Peddicord

Anonymous - January 04, 2024 at 08:16 PM

AP

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services

A Memorial Tree was planted for Terence O'Neill Peddicord - January 04, 2024 at 02:07 PM