



James Bernard Peigler Jr "Pig"

JAMES BERNARD PEIGLER, JR. (PIG)

James Bernard Peigler, Jr. (affectionately known as "PIG") was born May 1, 1941 in Chattanooga, Tennessee to James Sr. and Dorothy Thomason Peigler. After World War II ended, his little sister, Janet Sue arrived to adore and pester him for the rest of his life.

He attended St. Mary's Catholic Grade and Junior High School (grades 1 through 9) and then went to Greenville High School. He lettered in both football and track at Greenville High. He also broke many a girl's heart while in high school. When he was suppose to be taking his little sister to the drive-in movies on Friday night, he would also have a date (which was a no-no). He would make Janet Sue (better known as Suzie) go down to the playground area during the movie and then move the car so she couldn't interrupt his date time.

After high school, he attended the University of South Carolina. He was the USC Gamecock his freshman year for which he earned a block letter. Those years at USC were some of the happiest times of his life. He made many lifelong friends whom he stayed in contact with throughout the years. While at USC he also was a member of the Darnell's Rock and Roll band as a back-up singer. They were a pretty good band. They ended up in Philadelphia and got a recording contract and appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show, performed at the famous Peppermint Lounge in New York city and various famous clubs in New Orleans and Las Vegas.

In his professional business life, he started out as manager of the Hotel Philadelphia and several other hotels until he was hired by Holiday Inns of America out of Memphis, Tenn. Eventually Pig was the executive manager of 4 franchise Holiday Inns in Louisville, Ky. Pig stayed in Louisville for 5 or 6 years managing hotels and generally having a good time, which he did well.

Next Pig moved to Las Vegas where he had assumed management of a chain of Wendy fast food restaurants.

Later he moved to Los Angeles where he accepted a job with Numero Uno Pizza chain. Pig began to show an interest in building and contracting because most of the Wendy's and Numero Uno restaurants he managed he had help in the design, construction, decoration, hiring, and start-up of the business. He obtained his contractor's license in California.

Pig stayed in California for several more years but found his heart was yearning to return to South Carolina. He tried his best to attend the S.O. S. every September.

Finally, Pig packed up and moved back to Greenville, SC. and purchased a woodworking shop. He also obtained his contractor's license in S.C.

All during this time period of about 10 years, Pig's health wasn't good.

Four and a half years prior to his death on Saturday, August 31, 1996, he was in Atlanta visiting friends when a diabetic attack shut down his body and he almost died. Pig had a difficult time accepting this disease and never could get it under control. The diabetes took its toll on his heart and he died during triple bypass surgery. Pig had developed a deep personal relationship with the Lord during the last few years of his life. I know somehow he knows that he has been voted into the Shagger's Hall of Fame. He is waiting for his friends to join him in heaven because he is running "Ocean Drive Shag Club" on Pearly Gate Drive.

Truly yours,
Suzie Nahm, Pig's sister