
PETER CASCIO AND BARBARA ELLIS

420 FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE

EXTENSION: 6970

Born in Hartford, CT, Peter celebrated V-J Day at age 13 with his first glass of champagne! After his BA from Middlebury College, and a Masters in Landscape Architecture from Harvard Graduate School of Design, he enlisted in the Connecticut Air National Guard (ANG) for fighter pilot training. Flying for TWA for a year, but furloughed with the advent of the Boeing 707, he returned to his family's landscape nursery business and continued with the ANG. Peter and Barbara were married on Valentine's Day in 1972.

Chosen for Air War College senior officer training in Alabama, Peter also earned an MBA degree from Auburn University. Work at the ANG Support Center on Joint Chiefs of Staff war exercises followed. At the Pentagon he was ANG Advisor to the Chief of Air Force Plans, and later undertook special projects for the USAF Chief of Staff. Subsequent service with the US Army Corps of Engineers took him to Europe and Asia as an automated information system specialist.

Born in Pasadena, CA, Barbara majored in Psychology at Hollins College, later earning a Masters from Auburn. After a troubleshooting project for Massachusetts General Hospital she became the first woman and first non-physician to administer the Trauma Unit. During racial integration of an Atlanta department store's workforce, Barbara's assignment recruiting highly qualified African-American employees received support from Dr. Martin Luther King, and the workers she hired stayed with the company for years.

After further work in patient care, she became Assistant Director of the University of Connecticut's new medical school. In the DC area, Barbara headed troubleshooting for Georgetown University and Greater SE Hospitals; managed a transplant organ recovery program; and was Director of Counseling for Planned Parenthood. A trained Hospice volunteer, Barbara has trained their dog Teddy Bear to serve as a therapy dog with hospice patients.



Peter and Barbara's lives were touched with great sadness when their son passed away a few years ago. Their daughter who lives in Houston is currently expecting their first grandchild. Peter is Treasurer of the CYH Resident Council, member of the Building and Grounds PAC, Wildlife Habitat Project, the Green Team and the Village Life Committee. You'll find Barbara working out in the pool and serving on the nominating committee for Keese School.

