

Peter Hill, 78, Grew Up in Darien, Chief Technology Officer for MasterCard

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Peter Rohrbach Hill, 78, died on July 19, 2017 in the VITAS Inpatient Hospice facility in Fort Lauderdale, Fl. following a major stroke.

The son of Margaret and John Hill, Peter grew up in Darien and graduated from Hamilton College in 1960, where he won the college's Mathematics Award and served as president of his fraternity.

He then attended Columbia University Engineering School, where he earned a masters of science degree in 1962. Following graduation from Columbia, he worked for 17 years at IBM Corporation in New York and then in California as a software developer and manager.

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In 1979, he moved to Bank of America as senior vice president responsible for software products development and operations, and from there to Visa International and MasterCard where he was chief technology officer and an executive vice president. He retired from MasterCard in 1999, then moved to Santa Barbara, Calif. and subsequently to Hollywood, Fl.

— [This obituary](#) previously was published by *Darien News*.

He was a warm and loving person, devoted to both family and friends. Peter's particular interest in astronomy led him to community work with a local planetarium in Southern California where he enjoyed teaching young people about astronomy and the universe.

Peter's first wife, Nancy Makofski Hill, died in 1991, but he is survived by his brother, Paul Hill; two nieces: Jennifer Dupee and Lisa Staton; three nephews: Chase Hill, Andrew Hill, and Andrew Dupee; and Alexis Ferrari, his partner in love and business for many years.

Donations in Peter's memory may be made to

- Hamilton College, Alumni Department, 198 College Hill Road, Clinton, NY 13323 ATTN: Amy Palmier, or
- Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Planetarium, 2559 Puesta del Sol, Santa Barbara, CA 93105 ATTN: Sara Clement