



## Chester A. "Pete" Vinch

January 21, 2022

Chester A. "Pete" Vinch, 78, of North Syracuse, passed away on Friday evening, January 21, 2022. He was born in Ogdensburg to the late Chester Allen and Esther Marie (LaMere) Vinch. He served in the US Army.

He joined the Ogdensburg Police Department and in 1968, he joined the North Syracuse Police Department, becoming Sergeant Vinch. He joined the Cicero Police Department and at one time served as interim chief and investigator before retiring on August 27, 2005.

For 30 years, he was a loss prevention agent for Sears Roebuck and in retirement, with his sons, ran a private investigation service. Pete was a member, Past Commander and lastly Chaplain of American Legion Post 1297. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Terry, and his wife of 48 years, the former Norma Roberta Wells. Surviving are his sons, Peter, Craig, Dana (Denise), and Brent (Cathy) Vinch; siblings, Gail (Tom) Callahan, Tim (Carrie) Vinch and Clara (David) Gryczka; twelve grandchildren; two great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Family will greet friends from 6 to 8 pm on Friday, January 28th and from 10 am to 1 pm on Saturday, January 29th with family sharing remembrances at 1 pm at Ferguson Funeral Home, 215 South Main Street, North Syracuse.

Burial, at a later date, will be in North Syracuse Cemetery.

Donations may be made to St. Rose of Lima Church, 407 South Main Street, North Syracuse 13212.



# Cemetery Details

## North Syracuse Cemetery

555 South Bay Road  
North Syracuse , NY 13212

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

**JAN 28.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc.  
215 South Main Street  
North Syracuse, NY 13212  
(315) 458-1970  
<http://fergersonfuneralhome.com/>

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**JAN 29.** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Remembrance

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JAN 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fergerson Funeral Home created a Calling Hours and Service in memory of Chester A. "Pete" Vinch*



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**Fergerson Funeral Home** - January 28, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Chester A. "Pete" Vinch*

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October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. When Pete was with the police dept he used to patrol our street and when he did he would shine that bright police light into our living room and that was a sign for my dad (Uncle Art) to come out and chat for a few minutes. My dad always got a kick out of it!*

*Sorry for your loss...*

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**Donna Vinch** - January 30, 2022 at 05:12 PM

HV

“ *Helen Pappa And Mikhail And Athena Vinch lit a candle in memory of Chester A. "Pete" Vinch*



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**Helen Pappa and Mikhail and Athena Vinch** - January 28, 2022 at 05:45 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Chester A. "Pete" Vinch.*



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January 27, 2022 at 07:38 AM

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“ Dear Peter, Dana, Brent and Craig

*Please accept my condolences on the passing of your beloved father. He could not have been prouder to have you four as his sons.*

*Lean on each other now and draw strength from the beautiful memories of your dad.*

*Your mum and dad are together again watching over you.*

*I can't be there in person but each of you is in my thoughts and prayers.*

*From  
Kashini Maistry  
(South Africa)*

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**Kashini (Friend)** - January 27, 2022 at 06:45 AM

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“ Richard (Coach) and Kathy Nastasi purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Chester A. "Pete" Vinch.



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**Richard (Coach) and Kathy Nastasi** - January 26, 2022 at 07:53 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Chester A. "Pete" Vinch.*



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January 26, 2022 at 11:17 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Bre Vin** - January 23, 2022 at 07:54 PM



“ *Tammy Vinch /Adrianna Vinch Of Ogdensbur lit a candle in memory of Chester A. "Pete" Vinch*



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**Tammy Vinch /Adrianna Vinch of Ogdensbur** - January 23, 2022 at 12:26 PM



“ *Love you Uncle Pete..  
Adrianna and I were honored to meet with you at grams funeral..  
your have a place in our hearts. I drove to Syracuse to let you know  
Adrianna and I all loved you. I had a strong feeling I need to go and  
hold your hand and let you know thank you for seeing us..love You  
Uncle Pete..*

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**Tammy Vinch /Adrianna Vinch of Ogdensbur** - January 23, 2022 at 12:25 PM

TA

“ Sorry for your loss. I do have to share a story about Pete. I used to hang out with Terry and Mike Vinch. One day the 3 of use were in my 1966 Chevy SS and were on our way to Terry's house on Ford Street in Ogdensburg. We were going at a pretty good speed, knowing how I use to drive it was probably 45 to 50 MPH in a 30 MPH zone. The 3 of us when into the house and Chet grabbed us a beer out of the frig. We heard the front door open and close and in came Pete. He issued me a speeding ticket right there at the kitchen table. His father tried to talk him out of it but he refused. Pete simply said he wasn't going to wait until we got in an accident. He said if I continued driving fast around town he would ticket me again. It worked, I did slow down after that day. After he handed me the ticket he then went in the frig. and had a beer with us. True story

Terry Axtell  
Ogdensburg New York

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**Terry Axtell** - January 23, 2022 at 11:17 AM

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Terry. Thank you for the story. Put a smile on a few of Pete's Sons faces. Pete's Son Brent

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**Bre Vin** - January 23, 2022 at 07:43 PM

RS

“ RIP "Pete"...Good memories from being on the "Job" and working the North Area together. Could always depend on him for advise and backup, back in the late 60's and early 70's. Recently I would see Pete and his son enjoying breakfast together at Dee's in Mattydale, and it was a good reminder of past memories working together. May the good lord grant you eternal peace.

Ron Klein Sr  
Retired OCSD

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**Ron Klein Sr** - January 23, 2022 at 06:42 AM