In Memoriam

Peter R. Geraghty
Forum Advisors
An EMTA Founder and Former Co-Chair
Long-Time EMTA Director on behalf of
NMB, ING, Darby and Dresdner Kleinwort

Peter Geraghty was among EM debt trading’s pioneers, one of EMTA’s founding fathers and a former EMTA Co-Chair. A close personal friend of many in the markets and well-respected by all as a trader and a visionary, Peter was a consistent advocate of the high road and coined the memorable phrase that the Emerging Markets are a “state of mind”. Peter’s memorial mass was celebrated in Hanover, NH on Friday, January 21, 2011, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Norah, their six sons and other family members. To know Peter was to love him.
Peter Richard Geraghty, 54, of Etna, NH, died Friday, January 14, of a heart attack while skiing with his boys at Sugarloaf Mountain in Maine.

He was born in Baltimore, Maryland, the son of Patrick Joseph Geraghty Jr. and Jane Morrill Geraghty.

Peter had a distinguished career in banking, most recently with Forum Advisors in NYC. He was an emerging markets specialist and licensed trader. He spent his career in the US and Europe, with Bank of Boston, Citicorp Investment Bank, NMB Bank, NMB/Postbank, ING Group (President of ING US Securities and ING US Capital; Executive Committee ING Barings), Darby Overseas Investment (with Nick Brady, former Sec. of the Treasury).

He attended Lehigh University, Thunderbird International Business School and the College of Europe in Belgium.

As a recent member of the Hanover community he was very actively involved with, and a strong supporter of, the school lacrosse and football programs. In the last year, he was helping to put together a local junior lacrosse team with the aim of making the Hanover junior program more competitive in the sport.

Peter is survived by his wife Norah of 30 years; six sons: Ciaran of Woodstock, Vermont; Brendan and Danny, both active Marines; Charlie (17); Teddy (15) and George (12); his mother Jane of Maryland; his brother Scott and sister Kathy, his nieces Paige, Colleen and Marciana; his nephews Nick and Alex.

Peter was universally regarded by his many, many friends and colleagues as a force of nature. He was generous to a fault and his lived his life as fully as could be done. He was a devoted husband to his wife and father to his six boys. Whether football or lacrosse, hiking or boating Peter was there for twice as long as everyone else and always with his boys. His personal accolades meant nothing to him, he always wanted to be with his family and encouraged his boys in good times and in bad to always do the right thing.

He has two sons who serve in the US Marine Corps, both are veterans and he was enormously proud of their service. He loved having an older son living close by and they would often hike with their dogs and ski together. He still spent most of his time with his three sons who are still at home, devoting himself to their lacrosse and snow-boarding schedules, laughing with them on their long trips and mentoring them always.

Peter was always drawn to the sea. He was an avid boater who spent countless summers at their home on Cape Cod surrounded by Norah, the boys, and their many friends. Everyone will always remember the gatherings and of course the robust discussions on politics, finance or the events of the day that he enjoyed so much. These were always very festive times providing opportunities for all to catch up outside of the hustle and bustle of everyday life and a time to make new friendships from the diversity around the table. He loved to fish and serve up big fish dinners to the crowd. Their son Brendan was married there and their happy, lively house was again filled with friends and visitors.
Peter and Norah met when they were eighteen years old. They traveled back and forth between the US and England as students, married in England and finally settled in Boston, where Peter began his credit training, followed immediately by a move to New York. They have moved many times since, always with a new baby and spent five years in England where the older boys grew up. They then moved to Virginia where they spent ten wonderful years with close family and friends until they decided to make a lifestyle change and move to Hanover where they also had close friends. Peter continued to commute to New York several days a week but lived for the day he could drive home to his family and the work on his property. When Norah first saw it, she thought the house looked as though it were sitting in the Palm of God's Hand, an old Irish saying. We pray that Peter is in the Palm of His Hand.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2011 from 6:00-9:00 PM at the Rand-Wilson Funeral Home on School Street in Hanover.

Services will be held at Saint Denis Catholic Church at 11 am on Friday, January 21 followed by a private burial.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the American Diabetes Association.

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