

# John “Peppy” Pettinato

## New York City

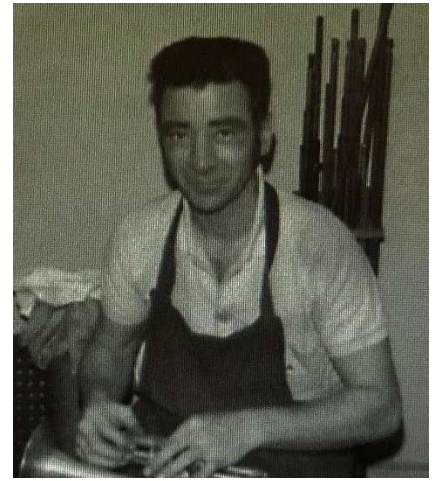
1950s John is working for Vincent Bach as a chief repairman and made most of the Mt Vernon trombones. He also works with Bach to perfect mouthpieces for William Vacchiano.

1964 the Mt Vernon plant moves to Elkhart and John goes to NYC to start his own repair shop on 48<sup>th</sup> Street

c1970 Bob Helmacy (BH) helps Peppy move his shop to 56<sup>th</sup> St in a space over a Dodge dealership near Broadway; he was a genius repairman (BH)

Some mouthpieces are marked “Peppy” while others are marked “PHD” which was a short-lived partnership with tool maker Herman Striker [the mouthpiece maker and first one to leave the partnership] and trombone player Neal DiBiase (1918-2000) [the money man] (BH)

John died in the late 1980s of a heart attack while riding the subway. He was in his late 50s (BH)



Photos from auction sales

