



Peter John Beacom

August 20, 1978 - December 26, 2024

Peter John Beacom died December 26th, 2024, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, after over a year of intensive treatment for metastatic seminoma. He was 46 years old.

Peter is survived by his wife, Stephanie Linde of Bloomington, Minnesota; his children, Leo Magnus and Saskia Gold Beacom; his parents, Kay and Tom Beacom of Ames, Iowa; his sisters, Jessica (Ben) Fisher, of Boone, Iowa, and Ann (Adam) Beacom of Denver, Colorado; and many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws, nieces, and nephews that will miss him dearly.

Peter was born on August 20th, 1978, in Rochester, Minnesota. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2002 with a degree in Computer Science. He graduated from the University of St. Thomas with a Master's Degree in Software Engineering in 2011. He spent his professional career working in software development in entrepreneurial and internal roles throughout the Minneapolis and St. Paul area.

Peter married Stephanie Linde in 2009. Over 15 years, the couple went on countless outdoor adventures and were blessed with two children. Stephanie, Leo, and Saskia were the center of Peter's world. He cherished being a husband and father to them. Nothing was more important to him. As a family they enjoyed outdoor adventures together and seeing the natural beauty of

Minnesota and the greater U.S.

Peter's sense of humor, storytelling talent, intrepid nature, and commitment to his family defined his life. He stayed connected with his family near and far and maintained life-long friendships from childhood. Peter took every phone call and ventured on every trip he could to visit his loved ones. He enjoyed spending time outdoors and learning about new technologies. As an outdoor enthusiast and conservationist, he supported environmental groups focused on preserving the natural world, from the Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society to the World Wildlife Fund.

Memorial service to be held at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota on January 14th, 2025, at 11 AM. Visitation one hour prior. Pastor Rebecca Freeman will officiate. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Peter's life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Minnesota Land Trust at <http://mnland.org/> to honor Peter. Condolences can be posted on Peter's obituary page on the Washburn-McReavy website (click the blue tab that says "Tribute Wall", or if you are on a smartphone, tap on the tab that says "Memories"). The family would like to thank Dr. Nick Zorko and the University of Minnesota Blood and Marrow Transplant team for their relentless efforts in Peter's treatment.

Here are a few ways you can remember and honor Peter going forward:

Use your morning brain to learn something challenging. Get outside and go for a hike. Explore someplace new. Call the cousin or friend you haven't spoken with in 5 years. Mix your social groups. Put a date on the calendar. Choose a positive attitude. Dress up nicer than is necessary. Don't be afraid to dance and be silly.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (So. Mpls)
5025 Knox Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Memorial Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Minneapolis, MN 55419

Tribute Wall



“ I never got to know Peter as well as I should have. We were in Track together Senior Year. There were a lot of people I never took the time for. Peter was always welcoming though. I can say that much about him. He always accepted me. That was nice. Got to say I'm really shocked, and my condolences to the family and true friends of this man. Wish I knew him more than I did. Rest Well Peter.

Cj Johnson - January 16, 2025 at 05:22 PM

AB

“ As kids, Peter would make me laugh when we were putting the dishes away. He made me laugh when deer darted in front of the car he was driving us in. He made me shriek by pretending to use the back of my Easter Sunday dress as a handkerchief. He prepared the first meal we ate in our tree fort with our sister, carefully microwaved ravioli. He saved kittens from trees and hatched chickens in his bedroom. He would snack on peanut butter straight from the jar and cause a mini crime scene investigation when he would innocently forget to put the jar back in the cupboard.

We would form teams with other kids and play a game called ‘hide and go seek tag’, an athletic feat requiring speed and stealth and causing so much racket the neighbors called to make sure no one was getting attacked.

He loved an excuse to dress up and go dancing. He had a long travel wish list he kept on his wall for years. He was always interested in hearing from you and planning the next visit to see you. He visited his family often and would always pick up the phone and often call.

More than once, he would be so present in the moment talking while driving with a passenger that he would miss his freeway exit. He’d get so busy just being with you that he wouldn’t even notice he was lost. He was right where he wanted to be.

He insisted that aspirations not be limited by personal experience, and he expected people to try the new and unfamiliar for their betterment. He usually succeeded in getting them to do it, even when it was annoying. I always liked that about him.

Peter took the opportunities he could to have a nice time, to wear a pressed suit, play his favorite song, to tell you a story he hoped that you would find interesting and to listen to what you had to say in response. That’s how he showed up in moments to be present and available for human connection - making an effort and making the

best of it.



Ann Beacom - January 13, 2025 at 11:19 PM

KC

“ *Peter, always lively & smart, surrounded himself with interesting people, and made time to advance the true & the good. This is so sad; too young. I grieve for his wife, kids and family. He knew how to find Joy; we'll follow his example. Kim Crockett*

kim crockett - January 13, 2025 at 09:43 PM

JT

“ *Prayers for Peter's family. Great student but more important ... such a kind soul. His goofy nature kept me on my toes as his math teacher. I was so fortunate to know him.*

Janice Thompson - January 13, 2025 at 11:00 AM

SS

“ *So sad for the world to lose such a wonderful man. He did so much good living in such a short time! Peace be with all the family and friends. Susan Senn*

Susan Elizabeth Lundy Senn - January 10, 2025 at 08:26 AM

JG

“ Peter was an all-around awesome person. Smart, funny, and always very positive. I'll always cherish the many hours we spent trying to solve the world's problem...not sure we ever quite figured it all out.



Justin Gillette - January 09, 2025 at 03:32 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Peter John Beacom.



January 09, 2025 at 02:03 PM

EW

“ Peter had a dry wit and a delightful laugh. He was so outgoing and friendly. He made everyone feel warm and welcome. A wonderful person. We are so deeply sorry for his loss.

Emily Pryor Winton - January 09, 2025 at 01:18 PM

CW

“ As anyone reading this knows, Peter was wicked smart, insightful, kind, and had an infectious good cheer. He was a dedicated dad and husband. He cared about the broader community and connected people together to work on topics of common interest. He'll be sorely missed.

Cam Winton - January 09, 2025 at 11:21 AM

JD

“ Peter, thank you for all of the fun memories. Thank you for your patience and kindness. Thank you for your genuineness, curiosity, and drive. Thank you for always making me feel safe and understood. And thank you for teaching me to be silly and dance.



Justin Douglas - January 04, 2025 at 11:01 AM



This is a fond memory, and, one of my fave pics of us 3. 💜🙏🤔

Julie Stoltman - January 14, 2025 at 08:28 AM

MV

“ There are to many memories of my friend to hope to find the best. The hours spent talking about video games and computers as kids, girls and politics as teens, and plans for the future as adults are beyond my counting. We skipped the bus to try walking to his house only to be found and heavily chaise by b his mom. We "explored" an abandoned house near his in the pitch black night. He really wanted to figure out how to use the brain of his deceased pet Thor in some sort of robotics project (that one never went anywhere).

Mostly I remember how he always inspired me to better. He always seemed so self assured; he always seemed to be moving forward. I wanted desperately to impress him and I'm not sure I ever did, but he always treated me like a friend. I adopted him as my brother and his entire family as my own.

I could never have spent too much time with this amazing man.

Matthew Vang - January 03, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ We are heartbroken to hear of Peter’s passing. He and I spent endless hours at church together on Sunday school and confirmation classes that involved trips to the cities. I’ll never forget we went to the most amazing old school Baptist church with a choir as big as Texas and the service felt more like a party compared to our tiny dwindling episcopal congregation back home. At one point Peter leaned over and said they should hand out ear plugs for us kids. We then went to Fudruckers and ordered burgers bigger than our heads! They had “crowns” for kids and we proudly wore them as we dined and raved about this not being our last time eating here. I am beyond grateful to have Peter as my Childhood friend and it was pure joy to watch him become a husband and father. All my Love to his dear family and friends.
Alison Saugen Smith

Alison Smith - January 03, 2025 at 04:04 PM



“ I was an instant fan of Peter's when we met at the U of MN back in the summer of 2000. Many, many fond memories of rooftop shenanigans, dance parties, late night talks, techno music, and the wittiest jokes I've yet to hear.

Many years have passed since we saw each other, but there's not a moment I don't appreciate the TRUE FRIENDSHIP I shared with this incredible man.

So grateful to have the LOVE that leaves me to Grieve an amazing human like Peter.

Middlebrook Fam for Life (& beyond!!)

So grateful.

May his soul return to its home & continue to shine on now it's left the Earthly plane.

Many hugs & love to Stephanie, the kiddos, and his family. Your hearts are held.

Photo from Peter & Stephanie's Wedding Day, 2009.



Julie Stoltman - January 03, 2025 at 02:41 PM



“ We are so saddened to hear of Peter's passing. My most vivid memory of him was the day we spent at the Science Museum. I think it's safe to say “a good time was had by all❤️” I know you will find comfort in your faith. We will continue to keep you in our prayers. And just for Peter, I will try to use my morning brain. Love to you all.

Mike and Sharie saugen

Sharie Saugen - January 03, 2025 at 11:19 AM

BS

“ *My sincerely condolences to you and your family. I still have fond memories of nights spent over at Peter's house during childhood and roller skating at a nearby skating rink and of a post-high school visit to Niagara Falls where I met up with him just to chat. Peter will always be in my memory and part of my life. I'm honored to have known him for so long. - Brion Swanson*

Brion Swanson - January 03, 2025 at 11:08 AM