



Peter Andrew Budge

August 15, 1939 - January 13, 2026

Peter (Pete) Andrew Budge, 86, died peacefully on January 13th, 2026, in Edina, Minnesota. He was born on August 15th, 1939, in Bemidji, MN.

Pete had many physical challenges that he had to face throughout his life. However, the many ailments never affected his grace or the love he showed. He had a very dry and wry sense of humor until the day he passed. Pete was afflicted with polio at the age of 13. The disease's effects and other health hurdles, did not affect him mentally or his fabulous disposition.

He graduated from Bemidji High School in 1957. He then graduated from Dunwoody Institute in 1961. He initially worked for Hauenstein & Burmeister in Minneapolis. He was elected as the Carpenter's Union Business Agent in 1975. He held that position until he retired in 2002. His work within the Twin Cities Building Trades was of great importance to him.

He married the love of his life, Mary Francis Gravel, on August 10th, 1963. They were married for 60 years until Mary's death in 2024.

Pete loved hunting and fishing with friends throughout his life. From his youth up in northwest Minnesota to fishing for lake trout and walleye in Canada, he excelled and was an avid fisherman. He was also a gifted hunter. His patience, intelligence, and skills were outstanding, whether bagging a buck,

going for ducks and geese, or taking down a turkey.

He also loved to cook for his family and friends. He was an incredible chef. However, he bristled at being called a chef. "I'm a cook!", he insisted. He enjoyed serving the fish and game he caught. He and Mary entertained their family, friends and colleagues. He was famous for the spaghetti dinners he hosted. His garlic bread was a particular favorite.

Pete enjoyed a good game of cribbage, or a competitive game of bridge. He also served as the Resident Advisory Council President in his building assisting others, as he did often and selflessly throughout his life.

Preceded in death by his parents, William Charles (Chuck) and Marion, his beloved wife Mary and brother William (Bill). Survived by his daughter and great caregiver, Kirsten Strobel, of Edina, son David (Tami) of Eagan, the light and sparkle of his life, granddaughter, Taylor (Matt Brown) of East Grand Forks, brothers Michael (Chris), and Tom (Amy), sisters-in-law, Maria Gravel, Nina Gravel, Sharon Davidson, Eileen Karnoff, and Myong Cha Budge, as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Pete's life will be held on Tuesday, January 27th at 11:00am at Dawn Valley Memorial Chapel, 9940 Bush Lake Rd, Bloomington, MN, 55438. Visitation begins at 10:00am. A luncheon will be served immediately following the celebration.

The service will be livestreamed at: washburn-mcreavy.com. Search for Peter Budge obituary and click on the photo/video tab to sign in.

Washburn-McReavy Dawn Valley Chapel 952-941-7686

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Dawn Valley Chapel
9940 Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438

Memorial Service

JAN 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Dawn Valley Chapel
9940 Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438

Graveside Service

JAN 27. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Dawn Valley Memorial Park (Bloomington)
9940 Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Peter Andrew Budge in memory of Peter Andrew Budge



Washburn-McReavy - January 22 at 12:44 PM

KA

“ I attended Bemidji high School and I knew Peter but not well. He was a few years older than I, but back then everybody knew everybody! Actually, it was his future sister-in-law that introduced me to my first husband. Little did I know know that Peter and my paths would cross in our later years.

In 2024 after the death of my husband, I moved to the Twin Cities to be closer to my children and grandchildren. I ended up living at Vernon Terrace in an apartment. As I was going through the directory of residents, I noticed the name Peter Budge! I thought to myself, this cannot possibly be be the Peter Budge that I went to high school with.! I soon found out it was definitely the Peter that I knew in high school!

The past 2 years, Peter and I reconnected and shared so many wonderful memories of common friends and events at Bemidji High School.

Several days a week we went to happy hour together with a group of about 10 people and talked about events of the day in our lives as we were aging. I got to know his daughter, Kirsten, who so lovingly cared for him the past 2 years. I will miss him so.

Karen Ahles - January 27 at 12:42 AM

VF

“ Vernie F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peter Andrew Budge.

Vernie F. - January 26 at 01:13 PM

TD

“ Team at Parkway Dental. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Peter Andrew Budge.



Team at Parkway Dental. - January 26 at 11:38 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peter Andrew Budge.



January 24 at 04:49 PM

LL

“ Love, Erik and Karen Lundegaard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peter Andrew Budge.

Love, Erik and Karen Lundegaard - January 24 at 04:49 PM

MS

“ Midco S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peter Andrew Budge.

Midco S. - January 21 at 03:19 PM

DT

“ Dear Kirsten, Dolma here. I was thinking of you and your dad when I left my floor on Sunday & regretted I could not say my final goodbye to your dad that day. I was amazed by your kindness and dedication towards your father, making him comfortable in every way possible. You always put him first and went above and beyond to show him that you loved him. In your words, he found comfort. In your eyes, he found peace. The way you cherished him, I automatically knew your dad must have been a great father. Please know that you did everything you could. Your love and affection never left your dad's side. I am proud of all the courage you have shown. I pray for peace and comfort for you.

Dolma Tsering - January 16 at 11:46 PM