



Peter Eilert Fehr

January 9, 1932 - May 8, 2022

Peter Eilert Fehr was born January 9, 1932 to Eilert and Clara (Luithle) Fehr on his grandfather's farm in East Grand Forks, MN. The family continued to live with Peter's grandfather until 1939 when his parents purchased a farm of their own in rural East Grand Forks.

During evangelism services at Grace Baptist Church in Grand Forks, ND, at age 8, Peter accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized the following spring.

Peter attended grades one through eight at Driscoll School, District 31, a one-room school near his home. He graduated from the boarding high school Northwest School of Agriculture in Crookston, MN in 1950.

At age 16, Peter attended summer Bible camp. There he heard Lois Ahrens, a missionary on furlough from Cameroon, West Africa, speak about a new hospital that the North American Baptist (NAB) Conference was going to open in Cameroon and the need for a doctor for the hospital. "At that point, I committed myself to being that doctor in Cameroon, feeling the call of God to that ministry," Peter said. "My life was changed. I had to change my study plans in high school and everything I was planning."

Upon graduation from high school, Peter attended the University of Minnesota

(UMN). In the spring of his sophomore year, he was invited to Faith Baptist Church in Minneapolis. There he met Doris Adam. On September 11, 1954, Peter and Doris were married by Rev. Adam Huber at Faith Baptist Church. They were blessed with five children: Diana, Paul (who died as an infant), David, Douglas, and Doreen.

Peter earned his B.A. in 1953 and his M.D. from the UMN Medical School in 1957. He was also ordained for ministry. He and Doris were commissioned as missionaries at the Triennial Conference of the NAB in Edmonton, Alberta in August of 1958. The couple traveled to Cameroon, and Peter began serving at Banso Baptist Hospital. The majority of their time on the mission field was spent in Banso, and they also served for two years in Bamenda. In addition to his medical work, Peter's roles included hospital manager, supervisor of local grade schools, and field missionary for the Banso and Oku churches. Peter often commented that his experience on the farm and in agriculture school helped him in his "side job" of mechanic, repairing generators for the hospital and maintaining vehicles.

Because Peter's allergies to tropical pollens had progressed to some bouts of asthma and the medications available at that time provided very poor control, the family moved to the United States (Robbinsdale, MN) after approximately ten years of mission service.

In 1972 the Fehrs purchased a lake home in Robbinsdale, where they remained until August of 2019. During that time, they enjoyed entertaining many guests and hosting Sunday dinners for their extended family. They also welcomed their church family for backyard baptisms and Whiz Bang Days fireworks gatherings.

Peter completed OB/GYN residency and board exams, and he began practice in the Twin Cities, where he served as a doctor of OB/GYN and later as a

Perinatologist until 2005. In addition, he served on the Clinical Faculty of the UMN Medical School, giving lectures and working with both students and residents.

Peter volunteered with the NAB Conference and Seminary for many years. He and Doris traveled extensively as he served with the Baptist World Alliance. He was also an active member of Faith Baptist Church, serving in a variety of positions.

In 2019 Peter and Doris moved to Copperfield Senior Living in Robbinsdale; in 2021 they transferred to Maranatha Care Center in Brooklyn Center, MN. Peter passed away on May 8, 2022 after a short illness.

Peter was preceded in death by his infant son, Paul Fehr; his parents; sister Carol Peterson; sisters-in-law Elinor Fehr, Diana Fehr, and Mildred Adam; brothers-in-law William Rath and John Adam. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Doris A. Fehr; children Diana Wogensen, David Fehr, Douglas (Sharilyn) Fehr, and Doreen Fehr, all from the Twin Cities, and daughter-in-law Elizabeth Fehr of Big Sky, MT; grandchildren Lindsay (Matthew) McCoy, Jaime (Benjamin) Cook, Emily (Adam) Pettersen, Alexis Fehr, Peter D. Fehr, Shaelyse Fehr, and Jeddiah Fehr; ten great-grandchildren; siblings Marjorie (Harold) Lang, Jean Rath, Walter Fehr, Eric (Chris) Fehr, Robert Fehr; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Memorial service June 7, 2022, 10:30 a.m. at Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis; visitation at 9:30 a.m. Livestream will be available at <https://www.faithmpls.org/fehrfuneral>. Reception lunch followed by inurnment at Glen Haven Memorial Gardens, Crystal, MN.

Memorials may be designated to Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Faith Baptist Church
4350 Russell Ave. N.
Minneapolis, MN

Church Service

JUN 7. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Webcast in memory of Peter Eilert Fehr



Washburn-McReavy - May 11, 2022 at 11:30 AM

JN

“ I wrote an article about a flight that Peter Fehr was on in 1979 several months after his death. One moment everything was going smoothly for the 89 passengers and crew on the passenger jet, the next moment it started to vibrate and within 20 seconds was hurtling towards the ground. I indirectly mentioned him with a passenger in the row in front of him saying, " You can do it, you can do it. You can pull it out!" The pilots regained control and just barely pulled the plane out of its dive. Afterwards it was flying like a wounded duck as one passenger recalled for another 45 minutes before the pilots made a miraculous landing which spared everyone including Peter's lives.

Peter is with the captain and co-pilot of that flight, Hoot Gibson and Scott Kennedy, who saved that plane and his life; the world at this time mainly knows them as villains but Heaven knows them as heroes who were unjustifiably vilified from a poorly conducted investigation.

Link to article: <https://medium.com/@Titan828/liars-in-the-cockpit-the-near-crash-of-twa-flight-841-239499a08bb2>

Joshua Newton

Joshua Newton - October 29, 2025 at 07:09 PM

PJ

“ Peter was a remarkable man. I'll never forget every time my dad Aaron Jung was in the hospital Peter would always take time to see my dad.

And when my mom died he helped me with making arrangements for my mom's funeral.

Pearl Jung

PEARL JUNG - June 08, 2022 at 07:32 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Peter Eilert Fehr.*



June 05, 2022 at 07:27 PM



“ *Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Peter Eilert Fehr.*



June 04, 2022 at 11:34 PM



“ *My mother, Agnes (Fehr) Bauer, told her children about Peter and Doris being missionaries in the Cameroon. I don't know if she got a newsletter from them or if her sister-in-law Clara, kept her informed. Since we grew up on a farm in SW Minnesota, and Eilert and Jake and their families had farms in NW Minnesota, we did not visit very often. I was closest in age to Carol. I often think of the Christian legacy that Grandpa and Grandma Fehr handed down to their children, Agnes, Jake and Eilert, and then they, passing Christian values down to my generation. We extend our sympathy to your family and tho he will be missed, he certainly is not missing. You know where he is!!*

*Sincerely,
Carolyn (Bauer) and Larry
Carlson, Lewisville TX*

Carolyn Bauer Carlson - May 16, 2022 at 11:09 PM

EP

“ Peter & I rode together to mens' prayer breakfast every Tuesday morning. He talked about his dreams at age 16 of becoming a doctor & going to the mission field. He followed his dream to become a great missionary in Cameroon W Africa & later on continued his work in the USA. Peter, my friend, I will miss you. The Lord gives & the Lord takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Etan Pelzer

Etan Pelzer - May 15, 2022 at 05:21 PM