



## Peter Anton Grathwohl

March 22, 1934 - November 21, 2024

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Peter Anton Grathwohl, beloved husband, father and grandfather, on November 21, 2024 at the age of 90.

Peter was born March 22, 1934 in the town of Searles, MN, to Peter and Bertha (Lieb) Grathwohl. However, Peter was supposed to be Patrick. At the time of his baptism in a church in New Ulm, when hearing his name was to be Patrick, the German priest said it was not acceptable because it was an Irish name, and they must pick another name. Thus, he was baptized Peter.

Peter attended Catholic schools through high school and graduated in 1952. He attended community college, receiving a two year accounting degree. Peter worked 25 years at Green Giant as an accountant, then was a manager at the Minneapolis Shrine Temple and later worked at Katun Corporation until retirement. His last job at Katun was in a warehouse and he loved the physical work at that job.

Peter was a very kind, soft spoken man, and had a great sense of humor that would often surprise you when you didn't expect it. He loved cars, reading about them and studying everything about them. He took meticulous care of all the cars he owned and you would never find a speck of dirt on them. He would spend hours and hours at the car show every year, and loved to sit on

the balcony of their condo and watch the cars passing by and coming in and out of the condo complex.

Peter and Barb loved to travel, with trips to Oregon, Hawaii, Japan, and Amsterdam, which was Peter's favorite. They did woodworking projects for many years, and transformed their ideas (sometimes stolen from Pottery Barn) into beautiful gifts for family members. Playing cards was another hobby and a rousing game of hand and foot was often a part of weekends at the cabin or holiday gatherings.

Church was a large part of his life, and he and Barb even facilitated a divorce support group at their church for many years. They also served on the church's funeral committee, helping to provide meals for families after the services.

Peter had a huge sweet tooth and loved candy, ice cream, pie and muffins (but never heated!) and the peeps or marshmallows had to be left out to get a little hard and stale before he ate them. He would never turn down a sweet treat.

Peter's greatest joy was his children, step children and grandkids. He loved going to all their sporting events, recitals and celebrating birthdays and holidays. He wanted to be involved in picking out every gift, and couldn't resist the kiosks at the mall and always came home with the latest little novelty toy.

Peter is preceded in death by his parents, four infant children, sisters Grace and Sister Monica, brothers Linus and Norman, and former wife, Rita.

Peter is survived by his wife of 35 years, Barbara, daughters Ruth Burling (Mark), Jane Larsen (Michael), Sarah Krake (Steven), Lisa Bramer (Tom), son Peter Prasher, grandchildren Grant Burling, Eric Burling, Samantha (Matt)

Hoffman, Sydney (Patrick) Reagan, Michael (Leanne) Grathwohl, Casey (John) Borkowsky, Jordan Larsen, Cameron Krake, Lauren Krake, Alec (Cathleen) Bramer, and great-grandchildren Parker, Roman, Sage, Maze, Paisley, Dottie, Eleanore, Callie and Blair.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorials to the Parkinson's Foundation.

I OFTEN LAY AWAKE AT NIGHT WHEN THE WORLD IS FAST ASLEEP

AND TAKE A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE, WITH TEARS UPON MY  
CHEEK REMEMBERING YOU IS EASY; I DO IT EVERY DAY

MISSING YOU IS A HEARTACHE THAT NEVER GOES AWAY

YOU SEE, LIFE HAS GONE ON WITHOUT YOU, BUT IT WILL NEVER BE  
THE SAME

Your loving wife, Barbara

# Tribute Wall

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Sarah - February 26, 2025 at 09:20 PM

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“ He was my dad and though he was quiet and soft spoken he had a twinkle of mischief in his eyes.

*My favorite memory is him building me an igloo one winter, when I was about 9. It had a little tunnel entry and was fully enclosed. I wish we had seen each other more when I was older and he would have known his great grandchildren. No doubt he's looking down on them now.*

JANE LARSEN - February 20, 2025 at 09:57 AM

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*I met Pete and Barb at the divorce support group they led. They were a comfort at a difficult time. I'm sorry I lost touch with them. Barb, I'm sorry for your loss. I hope your family will provide the comfort you will need at this time. Sending love and prayers for you.  
Kathy Goheen*

Kathleen Goheen - March 04, 2025 at 05:47 PM