



## Peter Gryskiewicz

May 4, 1945 - June 12, 2023

Our Dad led an incredible life! He grew up in Maplewood - chasing around the neighborhood of Burr street. He attended St. Jerome, St. Bernard's High School, and the University of St. Thomas, graduating with a math teaching degree.

He later started his career as a teacher, and that changed his life. He was a math teacher for several years - a profession which suited him well. He taught in Chatfield MN, where he met Patricia - They were married in 1971. In the summer of 1975, he built their first house with his own hands, this was the first home my parents owned. He often said how much he loved those years.

The years went on - they had 2 sons, and moved to Roseville - where he shifted away from teaching and opened up Northside RV. He had his shop down on Rice Street for several years and then moved to work for several dealerships around the Twin City area.

Dad was passionate about boat racing, and the Marine Specialties Racing team. Early on in his racing career, Dad was racing with the Midwest Powerboat Association. As we got older, we started racing with the US Title Series, which brought us all over the country. After a few years he became the President of the USTS, driving organizational change and teaching this racing club how to be the best it can be. In 2004, after 40 years of racing Dad's hard work earned his first National Championship, a great day for him and our team. Several national championships followed that one, and he was very proud of each win. Some of you were there for those championships,

you can remember the size of the smile across Dad's face.

In 2007, Dad was promoted to the most important position of his career when he became Grandpa. With 6 grandchildren between 2007 and 2015, he considered himself an expert at this position too.

Early 2015 he was diagnosed with leukemia and he fought this cancer for 8 hard years. He went through the first round of intense chemo, he won that battle and had new life. When leukemia came back a couple years later, he went back for more chemo, he won that battle and had new life again. In the middle of last year, leukemia spread, and this battle was too much for even our Dad - So, after this latest battle he did not win new life, but instead was granted eternal life.

So, we say goodbye to the most resilient, resourceful, and the toughest man we've ever met. Thank you, we love you Dad.

We're grateful for the nurses and workers at Regions Hospital and a special thanks to Dr. Dan Anderson for his knowledge, expertise, and mutual respect with our Dad.

Survived by wife, Pat; sons, Mark (Lisa) and Jared (Courtney) Gryskiewicz; grandchildren, Allison, Braden, Jordan, Hudson, Harper and Holden; siblings, Stephen (Addie) Gryskiewicz, Virginia Wilzbacher, Greg (Cheryl) Gryskiewicz, Joan (John) Christoffel, Theresa Justison, Jeff (Ingrid) Gryskiewicz and Elizabeth (Terry) Vanderloop; many nieces, nephews, extended relatives and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial 11am Thursday, June 22nd (gathering 10-11am) at St. Odilia Catholic Church 3495 Victoria St N, Shoreview, MN.

Interment St. Odilia Prayer Garden.

We will be having a celebration of Peter's life on June 24th from 12 - 4:30pm at the Blue Heron Grill in Hugo MN. This will be a time for sharing stories, photos, and memories. Please come join us!

Memorials preferred to the Regions Hospital Foundation - Cancer Research Center, or donor's choice. <https://www.healthpartners.com/institute/giving/>



# Tribute Wall

PE

“ Sending our condolence. I rented a house in Chatfield with Pete & Joe Ticke back in 1968-69 School year. Was drafted in 1969, spent all of 1970 in Vietnam getting sprayed with Agent Orange and have fought off cancer three times since.

Paul Engrav - July 11, 2023 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ Mr. G. was one of my High School Math teachers ♡ Very nice guy....very good teacher. Sounds like he lived a great life with a great family! My sympathy to you all. 🙏

Vicky Topness - July 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ While I only knew Pete a few short years, he has been one of the biggest influences in my adult life. The world lost one of the best men I knew.



Dylan Olson - June 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ "Hey You!" That is what we said to each other. I have and will miss working with Pete G (as we called him) as no one could pronounce and spell his name. A lot of years and a lot of stories were told. Keep watching over us on this side of the river.  
Bonnie

Bonnie Arnold - June 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Dear Family of Mr. Gryskiewicz,

*I am sorry to hear of your loss. The photograph of Mr. Gryskiewicz captures my memory of him very well. It is a very good memory.*

*I was a student in Mr. Gryskiewicz's senior math class at Chatfield High School, graduating from CHS in 1973. (I am old-school, a "boomer," and uncomfortable using first names of people holding certain positions in my life for whom I deeply respect.) He was a wonderful instructor with a great personality. I attribute much of my success in scientific research and as a college mathematics instructor to the foundation he provided me that year. I am especially grateful for his foresight in introducing my classmates and me to computer programming in 1972-73. There were about a dozen classmates of mine in the course. He designed a series of programming exercises for us that included pseudo-names for each student that identified a record of data we would then manipulate in some way. The names he gave us were take-offs of our real first and last names. Mine was "Ricardo Bernatelli," based off of "Richard Bernatz." As a measure of the lasting impression his instruction left on me, my personal email address is "ricardobernatelli@gmail.com."*

*Sincerely,*

*Ricardo Bernatelli (aka Richard Bernatz, CHS class of 1973)*

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**Richard Bernatz** - June 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ Peter sounds like a wonderful person, father, grandfather and husband. I did not know him but just reading this beautiful tribute makes me feel like I did a little bit. It brought tears to my eyes so close to Father's Day. Condolences for the entire family and may your memories stay strong and happy.

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**Eric A Rossetti** - June 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My sincere condolences, Pat, Mark and family. I was a student at Chosen Valley High School in Chatfield, class of 1972. Pete was a terrific teacher and a lot of fun. We had pun battles nearly every day in class. If I interrupted too much he would move my desk (and me) one space closer to the door. If I really goofed up I would end up in the hall where I would routinely be teased by whatever teacher was wandering the halls. Pete was handy and willing to serve. He led construction teams that built sets for our theatrical productions. He made himself available just to talk. He was an important part of the town.

I stopped by his RV facility years ago when we still lived in the Twin Cities and had a great time remembering old times. He excused himself and returned with six paperback books in his hand. They were collections of puns. He said he "studied" before our math analysis class. He wanted to be prepared. It was one of the greatest compliments I ever received.

Please know that your husband and dad had a terrific impact on many of us.

Jon Siegel

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**Jon Siegel** - June 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ We were classmates at St. Jerome's and St. Bernard's! It has been very special to reconnect with him in the past few years at our few classmate gatherings. He was one of those really Good Guys and will certainly be missed!



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**Marie (Sisco) Kennedy** - June 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Dear Mark and family, Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your father. May you find peace knowing that his life was well lived and that you were all loved by him. You are in my thoughts and prayers, Kim Mahon  
"When you are sorrowful, look again in your hearts and you will find that in truth, you are weeping for that which has been your delight".  
Poet- Kahlil Gibran

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**Kim Mahon** - June 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM