



Peter Edward Maeder

March 30, 2014

Maeder, Peter Edward Born 4/12/1952 in Chipping Norton, Northamptonshire, England. Died 3/30/2014, Minneapolis, MN. Survived by wife, Lorene; daughter, Emily; mother, Lony; sisters, Susanne (Colman) and Barbara (Joe); sisters-in-law, Mary and Susan (David); nieces & nephews, Jesse (Catherine), Brenna (Jake), Colin, Linette, Ryan (Carla), Tiffany (JJ), Tyler (Stacy), Trey, David, Stephen (Carrie), Peter (Joanna); grand nieces & nephews, Robert, Ryan, Kierstyn, Kyra, Bella, Alana, Trent, Blake, Levi and Everly. Honorary grandchildren Luna, Eva and Luisa. Preceded in death by father, Edward; father-in-law & mother-in-law, Byron & Kathryn, and brother-in-law, Byron. Peter grew up in Richmond, VA. Graduated from Hopkins High school and the University of MN. He was a self-employed carpenter, avid tennis player, bicyclist, cross-country skier, railroad enthusiast, fondue chef and Keys Restaurant regular. A beloved and loyal friend to many. Memorials preferred to Como Zoo. Memorial service 11 AM Tuesday, April 8, with visitation beginning at 10 AM at Central Lutheran Church, 333 S. 12th St., Mpls. Visitation 5-8 PM Monday, April 7 at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

Tribute Wall

VH

“ *This is our little tribute to sweet, sweet Peter, our dear friend.
Lorene and Emily, we are sending positive thoughts and much
healing energy your way during this saddest of times.
Much love,
Paul and Vicki Huehner*

TEARS FOR PETER

*Restrained and streaming,
Anticipated and unexpected,
Fierce and tender.
Every drop with its own story.
Each telling a tale
Of a hurt so intense it sears the soul,
Of insurmountable sorrow and pain,
Of joyous memories filled with love,
Of accomplishments and pride,
Of devotion and compassion,
Of loyalty and utter sweetness,
Of love that begins to heal.*

© Vicki W. Huehner

Vicki W Huehner - October 21, 2014 at 11:31 AM

MN

“ Dear Lorene, How very lucky I feel I am to have gotten that last little visit with Peter at Harriette's celebration. I had been looking forward to the good challenge of maintaining our connection with the two of you without our common bond of Harriette to bring us together. Geoffrey and I always enjoyed our interactions with you and Peter.

When Charlie relayed this sad news to us I dug deeply to review the conversation we had that last time together. Well, he and I had both had car accidents ... so we had some good commiserating about that and comforted and advised each other a little as well.

I must say how very impressed I am with all the lovely memories and heartfelt words of your friends and family who posted here at this site. I'm often critical of peoples' mundane words of condolence, but there was nothing mundane about any of peoples' memories and love of Peter and no doubt that is all a reflection of what a lovely and generous and unique person he was to all of us and how deeply he touched so many.

I've had a couple of people in the last couple of years lose their husbands ... I'm very impressed to see these women manage this difficult step in life ... one friend answered a query: "Where do you get your joy?" with a few sentences that ended with this one that stuck with me: "As my life goes forward my joy and my sorrow flow side by side." Lorene ... no doubt you've been dealing with sorrow; my hope is that you're able to contact the joy as you manage the sorrow. My deepest sympathy and much love, Marilyn Nelson

Marilyn Nelson - May 07, 2014 at 04:28 PM

LC

“ Dear Lorene & Emily, It was a joy to know Peter; always a ready smile & helpful hand, to many, just like you. I'm very thankful that our paths crossed 40 yrs. ago at Camp Lejeune, NC. He was so blessed to have you both in his life, & I know you feel the same about him. Our thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time. Love, Louise & Ron

Louise Canada - April 08, 2014 at 03:29 PM

CL

“ Dearest Lorene, Emily, and family,

Our deepest sympathy and condolences to you at this very sad time. We are shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden passing away of Peter.

We will always remember Peter's big smile, the delicious fondue he made for us, and Krystyna remembers the time he took her for a game of tennis. I also fondly remember the time he lent me his rusty old blue pick-up.

Lorene, Emily, and all the family, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.

Love Krystyna, Clint, Krystian, and Adrian

Clint - April 07, 2014 at 02:02 PM

EW

“ Lorene and Emily,

I am so sorry for you loss, my mom called me the other night to give me the news. Though my memories of Peter are old, they are still bright. I remember him as being a very caring father, always energetic and lots of fun. I remember playing at your house and Peter would play hide and go seek in the house along with me, Emily, and my sister Renae. I am sorry that we lost touch after us kids grew into adults. I send you warm wishes and thoughts in your difficult time.

Erin Wilson - April 06, 2014 at 06:56 PM

CN

“ Dearest Lorene, Emily, Loni and All the Family.

I am trying to find the words to express to you my deepest feelings that I want to send to all of you. Love, Peace, Hope. Wishing you Joy in the Sweet Memories that you have of your dear Peter. Finding Strength in those moments that are eternally etched in your Being. What a lovely man; Peter. It was a great pleasure to meet him and to also get to know some others in your family a little deeper these past years. I thank you for that and I feel and treasure the honor I have in getting to know him.

*God Bless all of you and wishing you Comfort at this time.
Much Love and Support,
Cindy Neff*

Cindy Neff - April 06, 2014 at 11:40 AM

ST

“ Words fail me when I think of the aching void Peter's death leaves for so many people--but especially for you, Lorene and Emily. Peter's welcoming, humor-filled, enthusiastic spirit was contagious and so much fun to be around. I will always treasure pizza at your home before class with Sue and your family--the time together always filled with laughter. You and Peter personify hospitality; everyone is always welcome at your table. Sending you much love and tenderness. Sigrid

Sigrid Tornquist - April 05, 2014 at 09:46 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Peter Edward Maeder.



April 05, 2014 at 07:46 AM

BR

“ *Fondest memories of our first trip to Minneapolis in 1995 arriving as grumpy teenagers and then departing in tears as we didn't want to go home - mainly due to Peter's charm, sense of fun and welcoming smile and also blueberry pancakes, plenty of coffee and some mini golf!!*

Then again in 2002 ending our gap year travelling with a long awaited stay at Colne St. and leaving with Emily and Peter madly waving us off on the bus back to Chicago!

Certain songs or scents can transport us straight back to these trips, all those years ago, in a flash and we will treasure these memories.

We will also remember Peter's summer visits to us in the UK, especially Sally finding Peter dozing in the shade of Mum and Dads garden on a surprise visit!! Sally & Richard's wedding in Ireland. Peter meeting Noah and all the joy you brought to our parents trips to Minneapolis over the years and also the fondues we first had with Peter and Lorene and now with our family in England!

Thank you Peter for bringing so many happy times into our lives, you were truly a one off who everyone loved dearly, you will be hugely missed in the Garrett household but your spirit will live on in beautiful Emily.

Much love to Lorene, Emily and the whole family, truly sorry we cannot be there to support you at this sad time.

Bryony & Mike, Sally, Richard, Noah & Kitty xxxxx

Bryony, Mike, Sally & Richard - April 02, 2014 at 03:06 PM

SG

“ All our memories of travelling to America include Peter; cycling, fondue parties, Annie's, beautiful scenery and fall colours, many road trips, halloween parties, kirsch, coffee and chocolate, many many gorgeous breakfasts at Keys and of course family, sitting round the tables reminiscing and laughing. What wonderful times. Our thoughts are with Lorene and Emily and all the family. Love Sue, Jim, Jamie, Katie, Wendy and Aunt Mary. England

Sue & Jim Garrett - April 02, 2014 at 03:03 PM

MA

“ We have such great memories of Peter at the Voyageur, on golf outings and his famous cheese fondues. He could take a room full of strangers, and make them all friends by the end of the evening. Love to Lorene and Emily, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Good bye Bike Guy - we'll miss you.

MaryAnn Andersen - April 02, 2014 at 01:38 PM

SS

“ Lorene and I have many favorite quotes from our most-favorite movie "The Muppet Christmas Carol," and the quote that comes to me now is: "If you want to know the measure of a man, you simply count his friends." As Lorene made arrangements for the visitation and memorial service, she had been asked how many folders to print and how many people to accommodate for lunch following the service, and I've tried to help her come up with numbers. But it's just impossible to count all the people who call Peter their dear friend; and I have been blessed because I, too, knew Peter and loved him and called him my precious friend.

Susan Sorenson - April 02, 2014 at 09:02 AM

GA

Sue - How absolutely perfect - I can't think of a better quote to capture Peter's spirit than: "If you want to know the measure of a man, you simply count his friends." I know how very much he meant to you and what a wonderful, wonderful brother he was to you. I know to that he was a loving husband to Lorene and a wonderful Dad to Emily. He lived a life that embraced others and made life richer for so many. My heart is with you and Dave and Lorene and Emily and Peter's Mom and sisters. With love, Georgie

Georgia Afton - April 02, 2014 at 09:24 AM

AM

“ *Words cannot describe the love and joy that "Bikeguy" brought to my world. I am thinking and praying for you, Lorene and Emily, at this sad time. I hope to hug you both soon, and help to soothe the pain.*

Annie Moore - April 02, 2014 at 06:07 AM

EZ

“ *lorene sorry to hear of peters sudden death, what a shock, wishing you comfort in this difficult time, edie*

edith ziegler - April 01, 2014 at 05:08 PM

 Scott Andersen

“ *So sorry, I just don't know what to say. Peter made us all laugh, and now we're crying. Good by bike guy.*

Scott Andersen - April 01, 2014 at 04:00 PM

LH

“ *Lorene and Emily,
I never met Peter, but I think I glimpsed his loveliness in the two of you. I am so sorry for your loss. May his memory be a blessing.
Lisa Hoff*

Lisa Hoff - April 01, 2014 at 01:45 PM

 Gordy Billet

“ *Sorry to hear about Peter. I will miss him, what a loss... He always made me laugh and smile at Anne's. Lorene and Emily I will in my prayers. Gordy*

Gordy Billet - April 01, 2014 at 01:25 PM

GA

“ *I was so terribly shocked and grieved to learn of Peter's sudden passing - such a loss to us all. My heart breaks for you Lorene and Emily, Mrs. Maeder and family. I remember Peter with incredible fondness. He was an absolute joy, and I was so touched by his zest and vitality and his wonderful and joyful spirit. Whenever I saw him he was always ready with a smile and a laugh and his tremendous sense of fun will be dearly missed. I know his bright presence will shine on in our hearts, and I know he would have our tears turn to laughter as we cherish his loving memory. When I think of him I see him smiling across the fondue table encouraging us all to eat and be merry. What a lovely, lovely, lovely man. He will be missed by so many of us.*

With love and sympathy, Georgie

Georgia Afton - April 01, 2014 at 01:00 PM

UH

Lorene and Emily, it was very shocking to hear of Peter's sudden death. I wanted to let you know that our thoughts and prayers are with you both as well as all of the family.

May the Love of God surround you during this time of sorrow. With Compassion and Sympathy ~ Wayne and Uschi Hillukka

Ursula Hillukka - April 06, 2014 at 06:31 PM