



Peter Christopher Tundel

September 11, 1947 - April 17, 2024

Tundel, Peter C. Age 76 of Eden Prairie passed away April 17, 2024, after a battle with cancer. He is survived by wife, Sandi; daughter, Nikki (Tim), daughter, Laura (Aaron), and son, Mark (Jason). Funeral service Tuesday, April 23, 7PM with visitation 1 hour prior to service, both at: Washburn-McReavy.com Eden Prairie Chapel 952-975-0400 7625 Mitchell Rd. (1 blk. N. of Hwy 5)

Pete was smart, funny, caring and determined. He was a unique mix of optimist and cynic. And he was extremely loved.

He was born in Brooklyn to Christian, Norwegian parents. He grew up playing football, baseball and basketball with his three brothers. He met his wife at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. They got married in 1970.

Pete worked for Cargill for 15 years, with job promotions sending the family from Indiana to Washington, Iowa, Illinois and Minnesota. In 1992, he bought a Sox Appeal store, happily becoming his own boss. He eventually owned three stores in the metro.

Some might describe Pete as old-school, traditional or matter-of-fact. Others might call him stuck in his ways. Regardless, he was always kind, supportive and generous.

He LOVED golf and played every chance he could get. He was a humble guy but always happy to talk about the time he got a hole-in-one.

He ate his steaks rare and ordered a glass of milk with every meal. He wasn't big on spices and only liked what he called "regular food."

He loved to read and always had a book with him. He enjoyed both fiction and books on history. He read all he could find about the country's Founding Fathers and could tell you everything you'd ever want to know about Thomas Jefferson -- or likely more than you'd ever want to know.

Pete still carried a leather briefcase with a combination lock and he still did his taxes by hand, using the little pencils typically reserved for golf scorecards.

He had a lot of opinions about a lot of television shows -- mostly that they were horrible in one way or another. However, he did like the original Star Trek series and classic episodes of The Twilight Zone.

He took his family to ball games and museums, to Niagara Falls and Disneyworld. He guided his wife and kids along every inch of both Boston's Freedom Trail and Philadelphia's Revolution Walking Tour.

Pete made it to seemingly endless gymnastics meets for all three of his children.

He enjoyed making Christmas brunch and considered himself a master of the perfect pancake.

While in the hospital, Pete refused to wait for nurses to help him get out of bed and walk, as he was instructed. They rigged his bed with buzzers that would

go off whenever he got up. These buzzers sounded often. Pete, who could indeed walk pretty well on his own, would say, "I just have to be free."

He will be missed terribly.

Cemetery Details

Eden Prairie Cemetery

8810 Eden Prairie Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
7625 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Chapel Service

APR **23**. 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Sandi, You have our deepest sympathy and you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*
Jon and Shirley Little

Shirley Little - April 23, 2024 at 06:41 PM



“ *Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Peter Christopher Tundel.*



April 22, 2024 at 12:47 PM

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“ *Brigid, Jo and Jessi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peter Christopher Tundel.*

Brigid, Jo and Jessi - April 22, 2024 at 12:43 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Peter Christopher Tundel.*



April 22, 2024 at 12:43 PM

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“ I had the great opportunity to work for Pete for ten months at Sox Appeal. He was always kind and generous and genuinely passionate about socks! He had a sharp wit and made me laugh often with his observations of people and life. He was a patient teacher and made space for the various quirks of his employees as he encouraged us to bring our best to our work. He was genuinely appreciative of our efforts on behalf on Sox Appeal. He dearly loved his family as evidenced by the perceptive stories he shared with us about each one of them. I will miss knowing that his kind heart is in the world. Thank you Pete.

MARY CAYAN - April 22, 2024 at 11:27 AM